



# VERDON COLLEGE

## Newsletter

23 September 2016



### Kia ora koutou katoa

We have come to the end of another very successful term. Our Blues assembly and inter-house kapahaka competition were great ways to celebrate the end of a very successful term.. Blues Awards, one of our premier occasions, acknowledges outstanding achievement over the last three years of the students time at the College. My

congratulations to those students receiving Blues awards. It was great to see so many of these students receive awards in more than one area. My congratulations also to all those that received colours awards.

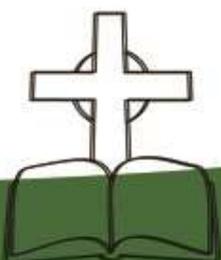
Our students performances in our Interhouse Kapahaka competition was outstanding and once again it was really exciting to see how this event has developed over the years. One special aspect has been the student's leadership, teaching and encouragement of each other. We can feel really proud that all of our students have the opportunity confidence and ability to participate in haka and waiata providing them with confidence and ability wherever they go in their further education and employment.

Staff will have provided senior students and parents with some feedback in senior reports. Senior students should review this feedback to assist them in their revision programme. Additionally we have published information to assist in the planning and preparation of students for external examinations.

Once again we have had a very successful enrolment season and are again in the unfortunate situation of having to turn applications away as we have met or slight exceed our the quota at almost every level of the College. We will be managing this very positive situation with our ongoing preference for students that attend our Catholic primaries and preference students from other schools particularly those with family connections. We will begin next year at around 710 students.

I wish you all a very restful holiday.

God Bless  
Jarlath Kelly



### Verdon Senior A Netball Tournament

After a mammoth campaign of fitness and training sessions, fundraising and mental preparations, Verdon Senior A travelled to Nelson for the 2016 South Island Secondary Schools Tournament.

A huge thank you to coach Rachel Rasmussen and manager Sharon Withers for the time, effort and passion they have oozed into this campaign, also to Rosie De Goldi for accompanying them to tournament and sharing her netball wisdom with the team.

It was a tough week at the office in Nelson with the team losing their first game to South Otago 36-44 but then bounced back to beat Rangī Ruru and Ashburton. A superior goal average saw the Verdon team gain top spot in their pool so progressed through to the top 16 teams. The next stage of competition saw Verdon step up a gear beating Columba College 41-39 but then they met a feisty Villa Maria team which resulted in a 37-37 all draw. Verdon needed to then beat Marlborough Girls but couldn't quite get the victory over this very slick team. That meant that Verdon's best placing they could get would be 9<sup>th</sup>. Another two wins later over Christchurch Girls 48-45 and Ashburton 43-34, saw them secure that very creditable 9<sup>th</sup> placing.

Well done to all 12 players who represented the school with pride and played with that unique Verdon spirit in every game!



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## Southland Debating Championships

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> August, Verdon College had the privilege of hosting the Southland Debating Championships for 2016. Students from schools around Southland came to demonstrate their quick thinking and speaking skills. Verdon had teams at every level, each representing the school extremely well. The year 11 team of Henry McIntyre, Kaitlyn Calvert-Shandley and Xavier Scully were victorious in the year 11 section, with Xavier Scully also winning the coveted best speaker for that year level. A special thank you to our amazing PTA who ensured the adjudicators, teachers, and parents were fed extremely well on Sunday and to the students who came along to help.



## Dan Davin Short Story

Congratulations to Autumn Marshall who recently won the Dan Davin senior short story competition. The quality of entries was extremely high. Well done Autumn



## BMX

Congratulations to Ruby Laidlaw who recently attended the AIMS games in Taurangi representing Verdon and winning the following events:

1. Timetrial BMX 1st place in NZ
2. BMX racing 1st place in NZ



## Venture Southland Speech Competition

Venture Southland Speech competition finals were held recently in the Year 7/8 classes. Students had to present a speech to their class and the top 2 speakers from each class went forward to the next round.

In Year 7 the top 2 placegetters were Christian Sotto and Ciara Kelly and in Year 8 Mart De Guzman and Zarah Roderique.

Christain and Mart were selected to represent Verdon at the cluster finals against other students from Boys High, Girls High and James Hargest Junior campus. Christian Sotto won this round and will represent Verdon at the area final in September.

Congratulations to all students who took part.



## Aerobics

Congratulations to Brydie Andrews and Alice Gear who were winners of the Regional Aerobics Intermediate Team Section. Brydie also came 2nd in the individual with Alice coming 3rd.

On the weekend of 17-18 September they competed again at the NZCAF Nationals and got 3rd.



## Hip Hop Crew

Awesome job Verdon College Hip Hop Crew !!!

2nd Place at regionals in Dunedin and who represented Verdon well at the Nationals. Very proud!!!!



## Rugby

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent Southland in the following teams:

### U65 Southland Rugby Team

Hunter Fahey - Captain  
Aidan Harrington  
Jemiour Collins

### U48 Southland Rugby Team

Kaea Nikora-Balloch – captain  
Anthony Pearce-Mann  
Riley Hika

### U14 Southland Rugby Team

Josh George

### Southland Secondary Schools Girls Team

Amy Crosswell



## The Life Magazine

Congratulations to Aidan de Ruyter & Autumn Marshall who both submitted a short story and were selected to have their stories printed in



the next Life Magazine which is due out at the end of October.

### Indoor Bowls

Congratulations to Mathew Tosh and George Hope-Johnston who recently received a bronze medal in the Year 7-8 Southland Primary Schools Indoor Bowls tournament. Well done to everyone who competed.



23 September	Senior Reports Posted
	End of Term 3
10 Oct	Start of Term 4
24 October	Labour Day
2 November	Senior Prizegiving
	Seniors commence exam leave
26 Oct/11 Nov	Year 8 camps at Deep Cove
11 November	New Entrants Day
14/17 November	Junior Exams
23/25 November	Life Education Bus on site
29 Nov/2 Dec	Year 10 Camp to Lake Mavora
2 December	Interhouse Lip Sync Competition
12 December	Leavers Mass and Dinner
13 December	Junior Prizegiving starting at 7pm
	Last Day of Term
	Junior reports posted

### Southland Swimming

Amy Crosswell, Tarryn Black, Ben Everest, Sam Thornbury, Kathy White and Martina White competed in the South Island Swimming Champs held in Invercargill 26-28 August. Ben received gold medals for the 100 and 200m butterfly and a silver in the 50m butterfly. Amy, Tarryn and Sam had top ten placings with some great personal best times.



### Football

Congratulations to Laurent Edwards who has been invited to a 5 day Ricki Herbert Football Academy camp in Cambridge next April. There will be Members of Fulham FC present scouting for future players.



### Duathlon

Sam Thornbury was placed 6th in the recently held NZ Schools' Duathlon Championships held in Pukekohe. He competed in the U16 age group.



### Southland Gymnastics

Congratulations to Trelise Edwards who recently competed at the Southland Gymnastics Champs two-day meet attended by gymnasts from all over the lower South Island. On day one, she won a gold medal on the vault and bronze on the uneven bars and her overall placing qualified her for day two. On day two Trelise was 1st on vault, 3rd on beam and uneven bars and won the silver medal for second overall Step 5 gymnast. She was also a member of the winning Invercargill team.



### Gymsports

The following girls have been selected for the Southland Gym Sports team and will compete at the upcoming Nationals:  
Trelise Edwards - Artistic Gymnastics - Step 5  
Brydie Andrews - ADP 3, ADP 4 Trio & AeroDance  
Willow Gush - Open Level 4 & AeroDance  
Alice Gear - AeroDance

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## U15 Rugby Tournament

Well done to the U15 Rugby Team who represented the College at tournament week in Mosgiel. The results of the games as follows:

Rangiora lost 68-0 (they won the final 34- 0 against Lincoln)

Beat Waimate 22-20

Beat to Darfield 12 - 7

lost Dunstan 24 - 20

Beat South Otago 21 - 15



## Our 1st X1 Team in action during Tournament Week

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



“Superior  
educational  
outcomes”