



# Verdon College

7 July 2017



## Kia ora koutou katoa

We have reached the end of another great term at Verdon College. It is hard to believe we have had time for so many fantastic events and successes that we have been able to fit in this term. There have been so many highlights and the positivity amongst the students has been

great. One of the things that I have been really proud of is the way our students' support each other throughout the term in all of these activities.

All students will be receiving reports on their progress for the last two terms. As I have shared with the students at Assembly this week "Striving To Be The Best That We Can Be", as part of our Verdon College has SOUL concept, is in part about looking honestly at our performance and working hard to improve our performance. Report feedback provides a great opportunity for students to take stock of the feedback they have received about their learning toward taking steps towards improvement. While there is feedback about gaps in performance for many students it should not be taken as a negative but rather an opportunity to understand where improvement can be made.

Our Open Day is on the 6th of August and enrolment season begins next term. The College will have a full roll again for 2018 so it is important that all those with family and friends wishing to enrol their students at Verdon College do so at the earliest opportunity and prior to the closing date for enrolments outlined in the prospectus to avoid any potential disappointment once the roll is closed. A big thank you all the students staff and parents for all of their contribution to the College this term and I wish everyone a relaxing well-earned break.

God Bless  
Jarlath Kelly

Verdon College has



Striving to be the best we can be

Understanding and respect for all



Owning our community

Living our Catholic values

## Upcoming events

### Year 7-8

26 July - Parent Teacher interviews  
12 September -Sports and cultural photos

### Year 9-10

26th July -Parent Teacher interviews  
12 September -Sports and cultural photos

### Year 11 –13

25 July—Otago Polytech Liaison Meetings  
26 July—Parent Teacher interviews  
28-31 August-Senior Exams  
7 September-Year 13 Retreat  
14-15 September- Year 12 Retreats

## School Events

11 July - Queens Grammar (England) playing 1st & 2nd XV Rugby Teams 12pm & 1.30 pm  
11-12 August-Jazz Festival  
11-13 August - Bishops' Shield Kavanagh College Dunedin  
17 August - Inter-house Drama  
23 August - Polyfest

## General Reminders

1 September -Teacher Only Day

Verdon College  
Open Day  
Sunday 6 August  
1.30-3.00pm

Enrolments closing date : Friday 1st September

*Me a matou ki te Toroa ki te rerenga me te whakapono ki te Atua tuturi*

We can all be uplifted as the albatross if we have faith and Rely on God

## Coaching Workshop

Well done to students who recently attended Workshop Two, Invest in Coaching Workshop - Well done, Kathy White, Emma Hurley, Laurent Edwards, Breana Fahey, Claudia Baird.



## Achievements

Samer Coupe was placed 4th in the 13 Years Boys race at the Southland Cross Country Championships.

Caitlin Smith was awarded the Southland District cadet of the year for the St John Youth Murihiku Division.

Congratulations to Caitlin Smith, Tiffany Wilson, Tigan Blakie, Ameer Hope-Johnson, George Hope-Johnson and Matthew Tosh who all will be representing Southland at the Junior Indoor bowls competition at Dunedin in July



## House Choirs

1st - Catherine House

2nd - Dominic House

3rd - Marian House

4th - Marcellin House

Best Accompanist of a House Choir - Jack Dempster (Marian House)

Best Conductor - Josh Talaese (Dominic House)

## Youth Council

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of June Calvin Jenkins and a group of Verdon College students attended the Leadership Innovation Team Work – L.I.T. This was run by the Invercargill City Youth Council. During the day they took part in leadership discussions and listened to some great speakers. Five people/groups spoke about innovations they would like to happen in Invercargill – 4 from James Hargest and 1 from Verdon. Calvin was one of 3 winners to receive \$300 towards his project of promoting Disc Golf around primary schools and speak to students about the new Disc Golf course opening at Queens Park later this year.



## Music Festival

### Senior Group

1st equal - Ryan Isaacs (Vocals/Bass), Tom van Eeden (Vocals/Guitar), & Brendan Peters (Guitar, Saxophone) and

1st equal - Sete Maka (Vocals/Shaker/Drum) & Nia Maka (Guitar/Vocals)

3rd - Beth Walker (Vocals/Guitar) & Willow Gush (Vocals)

4th equal - Helen Talaese (Vocals) & Stacey Wilde (Vocals/Piano)

and

4th equal - Arachelli Taningco, Kristin de Guzman, & Mart de Guzman.

Thank you to our adjudicators Sally Bodkin-Allen & Daniel Monteath, and everyone who came to support the performers.

## Year 12 Geography Trip

On Monday 3 July the Year 12 geography class set off on a trip to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park to conduct some research for upcoming assessments. Some of us were researching the effects of climate and altitude on plants in different locations in the park and others were looking at the impact of tourism on the environment. The scenery and weather made the trip a very enjoyable one and the whole class had a wonderful and productive time. We saw many sights that you don't normally see in Invercargill such as glaciers, mountains, lakes, salmon, and even some sun! Highlights of the trip included: a salmon dissection, the Hooker Valley walk, seeing the Tasman Glacier and singing in the van. We also went to see the Ohau Power Scheme and had a talk from Meridian Energy.



Well done to all our Year 7-10 students who gave it their all in the Junior-Intermediate Music Festival held on Thursday during Periods 5 & 6. I was blown away by the talented performers we have in our Junior School & very impressed by the way the Year 7 & 8 students in the audience listened attentively & supported their peers. Thank you to Mrs Di Lenihan for adjudicating the junior performances.

Category winners as follows:

### Junior Vocal

- 1st - Emmy Roderique
- 2nd - Grace Pethick
- 3rd - Riley Pearce

### Junior Instrumental

- 1st - Jack Dempster (Piano)
- 2nd - Aidan Dudfield (Euphonium)
- 3rd - Sophie Quill (Piano)

### Junior-Intermediate Group

- 1st - Reuben Anderson, Makensie Waddell, & Sebastian Johnson (Boomwhackers)
- 2nd - Daphnie Sikipi & Alice Moffat (Vocals)
- 3rd - Mia Segun (Guitar) & Makeila Fereti (Vocals)

### Intermediate Vocals

- 1st - Mart de Guzman
- 2nd - Amber Niven
- 3rd - Holly Muirhead

### Intermediate Instrumental

- 1st - Alexander Lindsay (Violin)
- 2nd - Conal Mulligan (Bagpipes)



## Year 12 Outdoor Education

Students have just completed the high and low ropes course. They spent some time at the YMCA and ropes course preparing for climbing at Castle Downs.



## Year 11 Market Day

Tuesday 4 July was the Year 11 students who take business studies chance to run their business. This was a successful day for all the students involved especially the students who bought the goodies!!



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