



Verdon College

22 August 2018

Kia ora Koutou Katoa

Our busy term continues with so many activities and events for our students. I was very proud of the performances by our Bishop's Shield team they represented the College extremely well, even though we were not able to retain the shield this year.

This competition is really special and one of the key events for our Diocesan schools. The positive interaction between the schools continues to build amazing links between students of our respective schools for the future.

It is great to see our students finding success in such a variety of sporting and cultural contexts. Our sports teams are winding up their season and we are looking forward to final's in a number of sports and we wish all those students all the best for their final games. I would also like to wish all those students heading to tournament next week in rugby, netball, football and basketball all the best for their competition.

Our House Drama was a fantastic evening and I congratulate all those involved. It was great to see so many students of all ages putting themselves forward and representing their house. This event and other house events are great pathways for students getting involved in future activities and representing the College. I congratulate all students on producing the high quality of performances on the night.

A massive thank you to the PTA and helpers for their work on cheese rolls. This was a huge undertaking making 2000 dozen cheese rolls over the weekend. They have made in excess of \$8,000 in this fundraising effort. I would encourage everyone to support the PTA in their endeavours as they lead the community in raising funds for many really positive projects in the College as well as providing hospitality at our school events.

Finally enrolments for next year are closing on the 31 August and we will not be accepting enrolment for 2019 after that point as spaces are limited. We would encourage all those seeking enrolment to get their applications in as soon as possible prior to the final date of enrolment to avoid disappointment.

God Bless

Upcoming events

Year 11-13

14 September	Y13 Retreat
20-21 September	Y12 Retreat
28 September	Senior Reports posted

General Reminders

24 August	Teachers Only Day
27-30 August	Polyfest
31 August	Last day of Enrolment
3-7 September	Tournament Week
7 September	Acceptance Letters Posted
17 & 13 September	Sports & Cultural Photos
26 September	Blues Assembly
27 September	House Haka Competition
28 September	End of Term
15 October	Term 4 starts

Sound Quest 2018

Wow what an impressive evening jam packed with local talent at Sound Quest 2018 School Band Competition on Friday night. A record breaking 18 acts from all across Southland - solo acts, duos, and bands. It was great to see so many people come out to support the acts that performed tonight.

A huge well done to Sam Cullen Music for taking out First Place tonight! Sam has taken away a recording session package worth \$3,000 along with a photo shoot - well done Sam Cullen!!!

A big congratulations as well to Holly Muirhead Music for taking out second place. Holly takes away a \$200 voucher for Little Fire Music Works.



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

Invercargill Regional Chess competition

On 7 August, Verdon College sent 18 students in two divisions to the Chess Power Regional Tournament, held at Otatarā Primary School. Our students performed very well, with the Intermediate Team qualifying for the Teams National Tournament.

Notable results were:

The Intermediate team of Anton Ballantine, Lisa Pham, Jude Ballantyne, Fintan Mulligan, Ayla MacNaughton and Gathy Gopimohan gained Second Place overall

Tom Kerr was our highest-scoring Intermediate player, coming ninth in a field of 28

Lisa Pham was placed Third overall in the Intermediate Girls competition

The Senior team gained Third place overall, with top scorers Lance Daleon, Chaise Hill, Joseph Backhurst and Julius Sta Ana

Lance Daleon was our highest-scoring Senior player, placing fifth out of 36 competitors.

Well done to all who competed.



House Drama

Oh what a night! House Drama 2018 you didn't disappoint. It was so impressive with the high level of acting skills and techniques, high standard of script writing creativity and teamwork on the stage tonight. Great scripts, great humour, great characters! Thank you to all the whanau community who came out to support this event- great turn out. Thank you to all the staff who worked alongside the students, thank you to our judges and most of all, thank you students for a wonderful night.

1st Marian

2nd Catherine

3rd Marcellin

4th Dominic



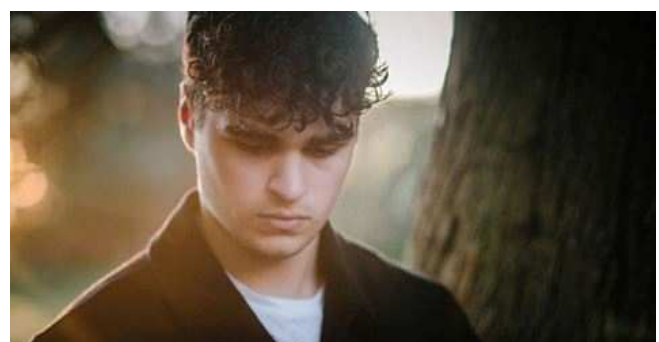
Year 10 Science

Year 10 have been having a blast in science dissecting fish and looking at animal respiratory systems. We've also been looking at what different metals do when they are heated!



Music

Congratulations to Gabriel Lal who has been chosen to open for Stan Walker on October 26th at Tillermans,



Southland EPro8 challenge

The EPro8 challenge is an engineering and problem-solving race against other teams. The team must complete as many challenges as possible in the allocated time, gaining points as they complete the task. After qualifying for the Southland Finals the Verdon Volts comprising of Kendrick Dela Cruz, Summer Smith, Kate McGregor and Eleri Baden competed against 9 other teams from the region. The team did an amazing job to finish in 3rd place and earn a certificate of recognition. Well done team.



Incubator

Our last incubator day was on the 31st of July. We went over confidentiality with Jan, then hygiene and personal protective equipment on what order you put it on and take it off. After this we had a quick visit from Dr Yip Harn Chong who spoke about his position at the hospital in older persons health and how he got to where he is today. After lunch we visited Hospice with Jan and Kate where we got an overview of what hospice provides. Then we were off to the Maternity ward to see Sarah and learn about the mechanism of birth. It was great to hear that our students are well presented, respectful, polite and a pleasure to have at incubator.



Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival

Well done to our Verdon College students Brendan Peters, Ryan Isaacs, Rory Horn, Sam Cullen, Tom van Eeden, Michael Chesney, & Aidan Dudfield who performing recently with the Southland Jazz Prophets at the Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival in Blenheim. The students were involved in the ensemble and combo bands which took away Silver Awards at the festival. They were crowd favourites everywhere they went & Mrs Jarman was extremely proud of their performances at the various schools and restaurants they played at.

An extra special well done to Brendan Peters who made the All Stars Band (on Alto 2) - the All Stars Band is selected by the judges and is made up of the best students from across all the bands in the festival.

Brendan Peters (Saxophone) and Aidan Dudfield (Euphonium/non-traditional jazz instrument) also got a special mention (commended) in the individual instrument awards. Well done boys!



Parent /Caregiver Portal

Just a reminder that the Parent/Caregiver portal is now open. The office must have your correct email address for you to use this.

www.parent.musac.school.nz

This will allow caregivers to see following information:

- Absences
- NCEA Progress
- Fortnightly Reports
- School Reports
- School Account

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty.

Year 7 Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision.

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

The planned date of the visit is Wednesday 17th October at 11.25.

Bishop shield

It was that time of the year again when the Verdon troops finished off their prep and got ready to take part in the 75th Bishop's Shield, this time in Gore hosted by St Peter's College. Our team performed well, with the junior debating team gaining 1st place. We also got 2nd for both junior drama and senior drama, and Thomas Lewis was placed 2nd for his impromptu speech, Lisa Satoro also placing 2nd for senior scripture questions. Some stand out members of our team were recognised by the adjudicators: Roidan Sutherland won the trophy for best speaker in a junior debate, while Cara Holst and Kaitlyn Calvert-Shandley were awarded the most promising dramatic performance for junior and senior drama respectively. While we didn't come away with the big prize, it was a fantastic weekend and our students made themselves and the school proud.



Indoor Bowls

The Verdon College Indoor Bowls team once again did us proud winning First and Second place at the Southland secondary schools tournament. The event was well attended with St Peter's College alone entering 25 teams. However, on the day quality overcame quantity and Gold was won by Verdon Real Gold which comprised of George Hope-Johnston and Matthew Tosh. Silver was won by Verdon Gold -Amea Hope-Johnson and Tiffany Wilson. Another Verdon team placed fourth and comprised of Tigan Blakie and Caitlin Smith. These three teams together won the Secondary Schools teams trophy. Well done as well to the Intermediate Section: Verdon Shorties, Summer Smith, William Harding. Came 5th place, Verdon Krush M, Fintan Mulligan, Ashleah Krushkopf. Came 9th place. This led to Verdon College placing second overall in the Intermediate Section. Matthew Tosh is off to Wellington later this month to represent the Southland region in the National Singles competition.



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