



# Verdon College

10 September 2018



## Kia ora Koutou Katoa

I have been very proud to watch so many performances both in sporting and cultural activities by our students, where they have demonstrated their talents and skill over the past few weeks. Our Pacifica and Kapahaka groups performed extremely well at Polyfest and really displayed a passion for their cultural and delivered outstanding performances. The

Pacifica group has also been out at St Thomas' in Winton, assisting teaching the students some Pacifica and Filipino dances which was both a great opportunity for leadership and for building a stronger connection with Catholic primaries.

I have also been very proud of our teams away at tournament this past week. We will have further updates shortly but I have been really pleased with the way our students have represented the College both on and off the field (or court). Our students always play in a determined manner and with a competitive edge, while at the same time being so supportive of teammates and respecting players in opposition teams. While some of the results may not have been what our players were expecting they represented the College so well and worked hard for their team mates in a way that they can only take pride from their performances.

Year 11- 13 students will have now received feedback in relation to their practice examination results with the senior report produced at the end of term. Each student will have been provided with advice as to approaches that will help their performance particularly in external assessment. We are encouraging all students to be focussing achieving subject endorsement as well as overall endorsement of NCEA. This begins with a focus on preparation for external examinations. A positive achievement in external examinations is linked to ongoing positive performance in the following years of schooling and tertiary education. We would encourage all senior students to be focussing on revision for examinations at the end of the year.

Finally, we have received a significantly greater number of applications to the College than available places for 2019. Regretfully we are unable to accept all of these due to current roll limitations associated with our maximum roll. We are only be able to accept students from Category One as outlined in our enrolment scheme and have had to run a ballot for the selection of applicants in this first category. We understand that people may well be disappointed and sincerely apologise for not being able to accept applications beyond our current roll limit.

God Bless

Jarlath Kelly

## Upcoming events

### Year 7-8

Deep Cove

8BH 23-27 October

8LJ 27-31 October

8HD 31 Oct-4 November

8MJ 4-8 November

8AT 8-12 November

### Year 11-13

14 September

Y13 Retreat

20-21 September

Y12 Retreat

28 September

Senior Reports Posted

## General Reminders

11 September

Year 9-13 Sports & Cultural Photos

13 September

Year 7-8 Sports & Cultural Photos

26 September

Blues Assembly

27 September

House Haka Competition

28 September

End of Term

15 October

Term 4 starts



**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**

## Debating

The Southland debating competition was held recently. Well done to one of the the Year 10 teams consisting of Mia Hollingworth, Holly Muirhead & Charlotte Collie who won the Year 10 competition. A big congratulations to Roidan Sutherland who won best speaker for the Year 9 competition. One of the Year 9 teams Ciara Kelly, Pearl Harris-Blain, Katie-Ana Rangī got to the finals for the year 9 competition taking out second place.

## Cricket

Congrats to Sam Downing who has been named in the Otago U19 Cricket Squad for the 2018/19 season. This team plays in the National U19 Tournament at Lincoln in December.

## Ballet

Well done to Makensie Waddell, Lucy Baynes, Kayla Barker, & Lucy Scully who have all been selected to perform in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's performance of The Nutcracker when they tour NZ later this year.



Senior Students sitting exams at the recent exam week

## Gymnastics

Congratulations to Brydie Andrews, Isobel Andrews and Trelise Edwards who were recently named as part of the Southland Team who will travel to Tauranga during the first week of the holidays to the New Zealand National Gymnastics Championships.

## Cycling Southland

At the recent Cycling Southland Awards night, Caitlin Breen was announced as the Junior Newcomer prizewinner. Alana Breen gained the U15 Newcomer Award, and Caitlin Breen gained the Junior off the Bike Award.





## Year 13 Geography

Year 13 Geography students recently went on a field trip to Queenstown where they examined how the process of tourism development has shaped Queenstown and the surrounding area. Students were able to experience a number of tourism attractions including the luge, Fear Factory and were lucky to be given a tour through the new Jucy Pod accommodation facility. Students gained a really good understanding of how tourism impacts local communities and the environment in both positive and negative ways. The trip has provided valuable case study examples for the external examinations.



## Verdon College Netball Club - FINAL RESULTS

Well done to all 20 teams on how you played and represented Verdon throughout the season. A massive thank you to all the coaches, staff, parents, friends and family who helped out and supported the teams!

Massive congratulations to the following trophy recipients:

- Holly Crosswell for receiving the Julie Erskine Award for Most Outstanding Junior Umpire.

Majority Trophy - Points for and against 2nd Grade and below- Verdon 8 Cherry

- Open Grade - Round One Winner -

Second B Grade - Verdon Senior B

- Secondary Schools Round One Winners -

Grade 1 - Verdon 9 Diamond

Grade 3 - Verdon 8 Cherry

- Open Grade - Competition Winners -

Senior Reserve Grade A - Moira Crowther Cup

- Runners Up- Verdon Senior A

Second Grade A - Verngreen Cup Winners

- Verdon Senior B

- Secondary Schools - Competition Winners -

Grade One - 12th Grade Cup - Runners Up

- Verdon 9 Diamonds

Grade Five - Runners Up

- Verdon 9 Emerald

Grade Six - SSG6 Trophy - Winners

- Verdon 9 Sapphire

Year 7/8 Netball - Competition Winners

Grade Two - Doreen Hes Cup - Winner

- Verdon 7 Teal



## Polyfest

A huge well done to all of our students who took part in Polyfest last week. A massive thank you to all the teachers & whanau who worked with our students to put these performances together for Polyfest and to all the teachers, parents, and whanau who supported our students by attending performances.



## Secondary Schools Basketball

Well done to all 16 teams on how you played and represented Verdon throughout the season. And a massive thank you to all the coaches, staff, parents, friends and family who helped out and supported the teams!

Massive congratulations to the following students:

2018 Secondary School Girls All Star V - Tyra Dunn, Sahdina Anderson, and Abby Humm

2018 Secondary School Boys All Star V - Anthony Pereira

Anthony Pereira - Most Improved Player - 2018 Secondary School Senior Boys

Khyla Matiu-Watson - Most Improved Player - 2018 Secondary School Senior Girls and who was awarded the - Te Toa Pukenga Rau Trophy - for all-around performance including playing ability, sportsmanship, respect and giving back to the game.

Final Standings for all teams:

Senior Boys A - 3rd Verdon Senior A Boys

Senior Boys B Pool 1 - 6th Verdon Senior B Boys

Senior Boys B Pool 2- 3rd Verdon MPD and 7th Verdon the Factory

Senior Boys C - 4th Verdon Ankle Eaters and 5th Verdon Mighty Pups

Senior Girls A - 1st Senior A Girls (and Round Robin Winner)

Senior Girls B - 1st Verdon Stars (and Round Robin Winner)

Junior Boys A - 4th Verdon Kingzz and 8th Verdon Clippers

Junior Girls B - 1st Verdon Chicken Nuggets (and Round Robin Winner), 4th Verdon Angels and 6th Verdon Hot Shotz

Junior Boys B Pool 1 - 7th Verdon Players

Junior Boys B Pool 2 - 5th Verdon Celtics and 7th Verdon Thunder

