

Newsletter



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April 2009

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa lava Faka'alofa atu Kia Orana Taloha ni Malo e lelei
Mauri Ming ga la ba An nyong ha se yo



Girls self-defence, First XV v. St John's, Senior Girls volleyball, Vodafone youth seminar, STARS camp, Rugby League World Cup, Junior Girls volleyball, Visitors from Lyon, Cullinane College cultural exchange, Hands On Careers day, Biology Field study Some of the events in an interesting and busy month.

Acknowledging our Students

Congratulations

- * To **Jessika Akavi** on breaking the following records; Discus in the Wellington Regional's, Discus in the Western Zone Championships and Discus and Shot Put at the Viard Shield Competition. Jessika has also been selected for the Wellington Athletics Representatives Team competing in the North Island Championships this weekend and we wish her well.
- * To the **Senior Girls' Tennis team** on coming 4th in their grade for the 1st half of the season.
- * To the **Senior Girls' Volleyball team** for winning their grade and earning promotion for term 4.
- * To the **Junior Girls' Volleyball team** for winning their grade and earning promotion for term 4.
- * To the **First XV** for winning their annual match against St John's, Hastings and regaining the Schwalger Cup.

* To the **Dragon Boat team** on winning the Friendliest Award at the recent Secondary Schools Dragon Boat Festival.

* To **Katie McAndrew** on her selection in the Under 15 and Under 17 Wellington women's softball teams.



Mission Statement

Bishop Viard College is committed to each student's intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical, cultural and social development. The whole person is encouraged to grow in Christ, and in the awareness that the possession of knowledge is a call to serve others in building the kingdom of God

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Board of Trustees

At the Board meeting on the 23rd of March the Strategic plan for 2009 to 2013 was ratified and is now available on the Board's section of the schools web site. This plan outlines both Board objectives and specific targets the school is working towards over the next five years. It is from these targets that we select specific items each year that become the Board's annual goals. Thank you to all in the community who contributed to forming this important document, I believe it is a reflection of the staff and communities desire to see further improvement in educational outcomes for our students.

Marian Blackford (Chairperson)

Staffing

Mrs Patricia Budding, Director of Religious Studies has been granted refreshment leave for term 2. We wish her well on her travels overseas. We also say farewell to Mrs Pepe Robertson as her contract to the Pasifika Liaison Advisor position draws to a close. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the parents, students and contributing schools over the last 2 ½ years. We welcome Mr Allen McKechnie who has been appointed to the caretaker position.

Sacramental Programme

The 2010 Sacramental programme will commence week 1 of term 2. Any students interested in completing this programme are asked to place their interest in writing to Mrs Thain by the end of next week.

O'Shea Shield

St Mary's College, Wellington will this year be hosting the O'Shea Shield on **Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th May**. More information will follow once our team selection process has been completed.

Pasifika Education Plan

Bishop Viard College, Holy Family School and St Pius X Schools all met at Bishop Viard College on Monday 23 March to hear Lepou Ken Ta'ase of the Ministry of Education explained what the Ministry of Education 's Pacific Education Plan for 2008-2012 was about. The plan was launched in Auckland last year at De La Salle College. Some changes had been identified since but not confirmed yet. Thank you to the parents, students and staff who were able to come along on the night.

Pacific Parents Meeting

**Cannons Creek Community Centre
Wednesday 18 March, 4.30pm-7pm**

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff that made time to come along. The purpose of the meeting was to find out how the school and parents can work together to support the children's learning. Some useful ideas were discussed and shared amongst the group including the students.

Parent workshops based on the information collected are being looked at for the next parent meeting. So look out for next Pacific Parents' Meeting. Come along and share your thoughts with other parents. If you want copies of what was discussed at the meeting please let me know.

Home Work Centre

The After School study group is well utilised by the students on Wednesday 4.30pm-6.30pm at The Cannons Creek Community Centre. All students and parents are welcome to come along. Special thanks to Mr & Mrs Fana & Peter To'omaga, Mrs Theresa Peteli and Ms Sala Erika (staff) for their time and commitment to supervising and running the study Group.

Pepe Robertson

Pasifika Liaison Advisor

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PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Parent Teacher Interviews & Reports

Our first Parent / Teacher interviews for the year will be held on **Tuesday 7th April**, 3.30pm – 5.30pm and 6.30pm – 8pm. Progress Reports will be distributed to Parents on arrival at school. Parents / Caregivers who are unable to attend the Parent/Teacher Interview will need to arrange a time to collect their child's report from the office between 9am – 3.30 pm.

School Invoices

Attached to this newsletter are invoices for your child's school subject fees and outstanding library books (if applicable). Included on the subject fee invoice is the school activity donation. Government funding is provided to schools for tuition purposes. The Government does not provide for the many other activities and resources necessary for an holistic education in a successful school. Our activities fee is used to help pay affiliation and entry fees for cultural groups, to assist with transport for sporting and cultural events, to subsidise our Religious Education programme, to bring visiting artists and performers into the college and to supplement our library purchases. Parents are asked to donate between \$30 and \$100 according to their ability to contribute. School Activity Donations are tax-deductible. Fees can be paid over the course of the year by automatic payments. For automatic payments forms please contact Mrs Viv Rodgers in the school office.

PE Uniform

We wish to apologise for the delay some students have experienced in receiving their PE uniform. The delays have been caused by a series of events which have been outside of our control. However, we have been assured by our new supplier that processes are now in place to prevent this happening again. Our PE uniform order has now arrived and we again have a full range of sizes. All students who are awaiting PE uniforms should have them before the end of next week. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Junior School Homework Club

Every Monday to Thursday from 3.05pm to 4.05pm we have the Library available for junior students to do their homework. The Library offers a quiet working



environment for these students to complete homework before they even get home, giving them more time to enjoy after school activities and family time. Extra resources for students to work with have been supplied through the Pasifika School, Community and Parent Liaison Project (PSCPL).

*Tara Langford
Assistant Principal Junior School*

Year 6 & 7 Athletic Sports Day

Can you Help ?

On **Tuesday 7th April** (postponement date Wednesday 8th April) our Year 7 students are hosting the Year 6 students from our local Catholic primary schools for an Athletics Sports Day. Students will participate in High Jump, Long Jump, Softball Throw, Sprints & Relays. The events will be organised by our senior Sports Studies' students. We have a sausage sizzle at lunchtime for all the students and would appreciate some parent help in serving this. If you are able to help between 11.30am – 1pm please contact Sharon Johnson, Principal's Secretary on 237-5248 ext 812. Parents are welcome to come along and watch their child participate in the day's activities 10am – 2pm.

Yr 7/8 Self Defence

On Friday 13th February the Year 8 girls went down to Tu Hono to enjoy a day of self defence with the wonderful Jan Beth. Annually Year 8 girls take part in these self defence classes with Jan. We have learnt many ways to keep ourselves safe such as the hammer hit, punches and how to kick the kneecap. We also now know how to get out of strangle holds and how to get off the ground if your attacker has put you on the ground. We all now feel safer to walk alone knowing what to do should we get attacked. We have found that there is a solution for every problem. We had a great time and hope every other Year 8 had as much fun as we did.

Jessica Ludgate & Rachel Dodds (Year 8)

Year 9 STARS Camp

STARS Camp '09 was awesome, it was like being in a whole new different world. You were free from school, home and everything else like homework especially. STARS Camp was real cool and I couldn't even believe that 9FN won but still 9KM and 9FI were so good! Our cabin groups were also cool. My mentor was Teresa, she was the bomb. We did heaps of activities each day we were there. They had 2 flying fox, burma bridge, swimming and heaps more. What I enjoyed the most was the flying fox and burma bridge. Our STARS camp leader was Ms Bean - she was really nice! We had a performance night on Wednesday after our dinner. It was such a wonderful night and such a crack up, I could see on everyone's faces they were enjoying every bit of that moment. STARS camp was so cool, not only getting the freedom we needed but also having the chance to get to know others including our leaders, teachers and mentors. I was so amazed. The boys' group went out and slept in the bushes with their bivouacs on Monday night and the girls went out on Tuesday night. The boys tried to make the girls scared by saying there were odd things out there at night (hahaha). The night we went out was a cool breezy night

and the stars were out. It was a bit chilly but it was fun. I had an amazing time at camp and I'm pretty sure everyone else did as well. Thanks heaps to our STARS Co-ordinator Mrs Kelly, our leaders (teachers) and mentors. Thank you very much!

Gabrielle Godinet (Year 9)

Year 12 History Trip

On March 10th the Year 12 History class went on a field trip to Somes/Matiu Island in the middle of Wellington Harbour. We caught the early train to town and walked to the ferry which took us to Somes Island. We then waited to be briefed about what to look for, where to go, and simple rules like don't leave your rubbish on the ground, don't introduce new plants and animals to the environment. We walked around the circuit track, stopped at the look outs and visited the graveyard. We saw the gun placements from WWII and the lighthouse on the island. We saw a weta hotel and thought we saw a penguin – until it flew away. It was a great trip on a beautiful sunny day.

Soli Pepa (Year12)

Year 12 Biology Field Trip

Thursday 12 March dawned cloudy and cool but 25 committed biologists arrived at school ready to brave the elements in order to count the populations in the rock pool communities on the rocky shore at Island Bay.

Like all students on the search for credits, the group had spent many hours in class discovering how to count creatures using a variety of tools with very strange names. We used transect line and quadrats along with thermometers, identification sheets and our initiative to count limpets, chitons, periwinkles and neptunes necklace, all the time avoiding the waves that insisted on crashing over the rocks every time we took our eyes off them.

On returning to school we spent 4 lessons explaining the zonation patterns we found in the rock pools using our understanding of the habitats and requirements of the different species that lived there.

*Marlene Jackson
HOD Science*

Forum on Primary Education as a Human Right

Christina and I learnt a lot from our experience on the 20th March 2009 at Parliament. We got the opportunity to talk to some teenagers from PNG (Papua New Guinea) through video conferencing and we realised that while the country may still be developing, it is still a beautiful place with many people very much like us. Teenagers like having friends, they do chores, get homework and enjoy going out in groups. Parents work hard and try to be there for their children. We also learnt about negative statistics in PNG, for example, 60% of women are abused by men. It's a devastating, but also true fact.

Later in the evening we attended a conference that was about eradicating poverty. We prepared a presentation to perform in front of 300 adults at the conference at Parliament. Our small group's drama was by far the most interesting part of the evening. We realised how much we truly have in our fortunate lives and how much we take for granted.

Anastasia Micallef and Christina Dodds (Year 11)

Visit of Robert and Pascale Servajeau

Pascale hosted Christina Dodds & myself when we visited Lyon with Archbishop John Dew in January. They recently visited New Zealand. Before returning to France Robert and Pascale Servajeau made a short visit to Bishop Viard College with Sr Catherine Jones on Friday 13th March. They enjoyed seeing our College and students and being involved in the powhiri that welcomed Cullinane College for the cultural exchange. Their stay in New Zealand was most enjoyable.

Karina Shann (Year 13)

Cullinane Cultural Exchange

On March 13th we had the inaugural cultural exchange between Cullinane College from Wanganui and Bishop Viard. It was good to meet up with another Catholic college and a good preparation for the O'Shea Shield next term. Cullinane arrived at 10am after a 3 hour journey and were greeted by a powhiri. Following a morning tea we separated into groups for performance and workshopping. We had several speakers in most events so they could gain experience. Sr. Anne came in to judge the Religious Questions, Fr Gerry Burns judged the Scripture Reading, Fr. Paul O'Connor the Debate, Mrs Lewin the Junior Prepared Speech and Impromptu and Ms Norman the Drama. We are fortunate to be able to call on this expertise and both teams appreciated the helpful feedback. After a delicious lunch prepared by our CIA students we finished the afternoon with musical items and drama. The students enjoyed each other's company and we are looking forward to the return visit next year.

*Lyndsay Lewis
Deputy Principal*

Youth Technology Forum

Get Connected! It was lots of fun being part of the Youth Technology Forum on the 17th of February. Schools from all over Wellington went to Evolve in Wellington to talk about new technology in New Zealand and its hearing. We met lots of new people and discussed issues with some connecting schools in Auckland. We received goodie bags which contained T-shirts, lollies, pens and note books. It was a great opportunity and we all enjoyed the experience. We also received a Nokia N95 cell phone which will go into a prize draw for the students with excellent attendance records at the end of the year.

Brooke Leota (Year 13)

Rugby League World Cup

Partners Porirua and Porirua Vikings Rugby League Club combined to bring a Drivesafe message to our senior students during their assembly on 18 March. Students were offered the opportunity to be sponsored through their learner's licence by Partners Porirua during the school holidays. Interest in the visit was highlighted by having the Rugby League World Cup present for the occasion. Students were told the value of the cup was in excess of \$2 million.

Malaga: The Journey

Ingelese & Jackie Ete have returned to New Zealand and are producing their musical, Malaga, The Journey with senior music students from the Porirua Colleges. They have staged the musical previously in Auckland at the Aotea Centre, at the Christchurch Arts Festival and in Fiji as part of a Pacifica Festival. Students taking part must be able to commit to attending rehearsals as per individual letters sent to parents concerned. This will be a spectacular event on a huge scale, which will be an inspiring experience for all students involved.

*Gemma Lorenc
HOD Music & Performing Arts*

Barbershop

New members are being recruited now. Rehearsal times for barbershop groups are:

Girls Chorus Notes Rehearsal: Wednesday lunchtimes

Boys Chorus Notes Rehearsal: Monday Lunchtimes

Both Chorus Practices: Monday 3.30pm – 5pm

Rehearsals for the respective Quartets will be notified as soon as coaches have been finalised. If your child cannot attend practice please ensure Mrs Jackson is notified in advance. There are also some extra practices held when we have coaches available at lunchtimes. It is very important that all members attend all practices as until everyone knows their part we cannot begin to work on performance. We will be holding an all day workshop during the holidays on **Friday 24 April** to work on barbershop technique and choreography. More details to follow.

We're off to see the Wizard so let's follow the Yellow Brick Road... 22nd – 25th June

Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age, dreams frequently of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away. At the end of the rainbow, she finds herself in picturesque Munchkinland; home of the Munchkins. In this famous land of Oz, Dorothy meets Glinda. Dorothy is a heroine, as her house has



accidentally killed the Wicked Witch of the East, who had long tormented the Munchkins. Dorothy wants to return to Kansas, fearing her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry will worry about her. Gloria advises Dorothy that only the great Wizard of Oz can help her get back to Kansas. But Dorothy has an enemy, the Wicked Witch of the West, sister of the dead Wicked Witch of the East, who vows revenge. With the ruby slippers to protect her, Dorothy starts off on her journey down the yellow brick road meeting an assortment of interesting characters along the way...

Join us on June 25th in the school hall to find out what happens to young Miss Dorothy Gale and purchase your ticket early to secure your seat for this spectacular show that will have singing all the way home! Tickets go on sale from **Monday June 1st 2009**. Watch for more details.

*Gemma Lorenc
HOD Music & Performing Arts*

Sports

The winter sports' registration date of 27 March has now passed and teams are being finalised. If your child has not registered and still wishes to play a winter sport please ensure that their registration form and registration fee is paid to the office promptly.

Dragon Boat Festival

On Sunday 26th of March team BCV competed in the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival. The team had trained for 7 weeks prior to the event. Unfortunately we were 6 paddlers short for the races. The boys who were there competed positively and supported all other crews. The team were given the award for the friendliest team 2009. Thanks to Karl, Jane, Jim and Kevin for their support.

Volleyball

As the first half of the volleyball season comes to an end we have some very pleasing results to announce. Both our junior girls and senior girls won their divisions. This means that they will both start the second half of the season in Term 4 in Division one. Well done.

Viard Shield

Congratulations to all the members of the Bishop Viard College Athletics Team for their outstanding performance as individuals and as a team at the recent Viard Shield Competition held in Palmerston North. We were placed 2nd overall out of 5 competing colleges. Some outstanding individual results were:
Jessica Akavi – new records in Shot Put & Discus
Lawrence Leota – 1st in Senior Boys Shot Put & Discus.
Further results are available for viewing on the College's Sports Noticeboard.

First XV v St John's

On Friday 27th March St John's College from Hastings arrived for the annual rugby exchange where we play for the John Schwalger Cup. Our first meeting with the other team was at a powhiri held in the hall after school. This was followed by afternoon tea and we met the boys we were going to billet. Saturday's game was watched by a large crowd of supporters from both schools. Our haka set the tone for the game. It was a close game played in a good spirit but by the end we had won back the cup we lost last year. The result saw Bishop Viard College the winners 10 – 5. This game was a positive start to this year's season and all the players, those who were part of the team last year, and the new members are fired up and determined to maintain this winning record.

AJ Tuveve

Scheduled Sports Practices:

Badminton: Wednesdays 3.00-4.30 (-5.00 for seniors)

Basketball: *Junior Girls*

Mondays 3.05-4.30 in school Hall

Senior Girls

Mondays 4.00-5.00 at The Arena

Senior Boys

Mondays 5.00-6.00 at The Arena

All Girls' Teams

Thursdays 3.05-4.30 in school Hall

Senior Boys

Thursdays 4.30-6.00 in school Hall

Hockey: Mondays 3.15 – 4.15 at the turf

Netball: *Collegiate 1*

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3.30 – 5.30

Collegiate 2

Thursdays 3.30 – 5.00

Collegiate 3

Wednesdays 2.30 – 4.30

Intermediate 1

Thursdays 3.40–4.45 at Mungavin Crts

Intermediate 2

Practice times yet to be confirmed

Intermediate 3 & 4

Wednesdays 2 – 3.30

Rugby: *Under 15*

Monday 3.30 – 5.00

Wednesdays 2.30 – 4.30

1st & 2nd XV

Tuesday & Thursday 3.30 – 5.30

Soccer: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

3.30 – 4.30

Setefano Mikaio

Sports Co-ordinator

Careers

- 50 Year 11 students attended the Hands On Trade Expo at the Te Rauparaha Arena on March 19. They had a wonderful time sampling various careers and enjoying the many activities on offer.
- The Te Rauparaha Arena is looking for staff to help run holiday programmes during the April school holidays with children aged 5 – 14 years. Students who are interested in applying should phone 2373584 for application forms.
- On April 28 and 30, 20 students will have an opportunity to do an Airline taster or Flight Attendant taster at Travel Careers and Training in Wellington. These courses are financed by the Careers Department. Year 12 and 13 students have been invited to apply; form teachers have application forms and information.
- In the final three weeks of Term One, University Liaison Representatives from Massey, Victoria and Otago have visited Year 13 Life Skills to give students a chance to compare what is offered. (In Term Two, Whitireia and Weltec liaison will talk about their respective polytechnics.)
- Ms Conal has information about tertiary scholarships offered by Trust Porirua. Applications do not close until October 1, but this date could easily be forgotten as it is so far away. Leaflets and application forms are available now for interested parents and students.
- Tracey McCarthy from IDEA Services is looking for Home Support Workers. These positions are part-time and may be of interest to parents. Ph Tracey 2332614 or Jacinta 233 2605.
- Ms Conal has information about riding lessons at Queen Elizabeth Park. It could be that there are individuals, families or community groups that would like to give children a chance to learn riding even if they do not have a horse.
- Gateway is underway and our first students have gone out into the workforce. We still have a few places in Gateway we are holding for students who have specific work experience interests that would like to follow up for a term or two. Parents can phone Ms Conal at the Gateway office 2375 248 Ext 825 to discuss Gateway for now or for 2010.

- On March 20, four interested students visited a navy ship. Transport was provided by The Learning Shop in Porirua.
- The first Year 13 careers interviews for the year will be held on 4, 5 and 7 May. Each student will have a 20 minute interview with a professional Careers' Counsellor.
- The NZ Army Careers Experience will be held from 13 – 17 July (school holidays). Students are asked to apply now. The army covers transport and costs. This is a challenging opportunity for fit students who may be interested in joining the army when they leave school.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Entertainment Voucher Book

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer containing information about the 2009/2010 Entertainment Book. Each book contains over \$10,000 in valuable offers, valid through to 1 June 2010 - cost \$55. \$11 from each book sold will be donated to the college. For further information contact Rebecca Howe on ph: 2375248 or to place order return the attached slip to the school office by **Friday 1st May**.

DOMINION POST

smartsubs

The Dominion Post has announced the launch of SmartSubs, a new subscription and

community initiative that can be of considerable benefit to schools. SmartSubs works very simply – for every new SmartSubs subscription where Bishop Viard College is nominated, we will receive a \$20 cash donation, plus a \$50 advertising credit to use to promote fundraising endeavours. For more information please see the attached flyer.

Community Notices

CUTTING-EDGE SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES, FILLING UP FAST!

Have you ever wondered how movies like Wall-E and Shrek are made? Learn robotics, games development and web design in an **Ultra Computer Course** – a great way of getting inside information in the computer and design industry. **Computer Animation and Games Design** and **Movie Making** courses also available. This school holidays, at Samuel Marsden Collegiate & Palmerston North Boys' High School's. T: 0800 GET BUBBLE or E: info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz.

SCHOOL OF ROCK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
 vocals / guitar / bass / keyboards / drums ages 11-17

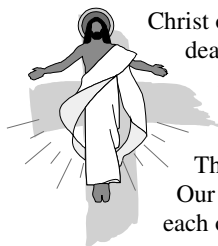
- Get tips from pro rockers
- Prepare for rock competitions
- Team up with other teen rockers
- Play every style from classic to modern rock
- Polish your skills in rehearsal and performance
- Walk out on stage with some of Wellington's top teen bands

4 days of intensive rock training in downtown Wellington
 Releases April 14-16 9am-6pm / 10am-4:30pm
 Concert on Friday April 17 at 6pm

School of Rock house
 9 Edwards St, Wellington
 to sign up, go to www.schoolofrock.co.nz

Amstore Music

An Easter Blessing



Christ our Saviour became obedient even to death,

But God raised him to the heights.

May the same God bless us in our families this Easter

That our lives may know his peace and Our hearts may bring the fullness of love to each other.



I've learned...

the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon. Cherish and appreciate them now.



Coming Events

April		
4 th – 5 th		Athletics NI Championships
Tues 7 th	9am – 2pm 3.30 – 5.30 6.30 – 8pm	Yr 6/7 Sports Day Parent/Teacher Interviews/Reports distributed
Wed 8 th	1.50am	Lenten Coin Trail (House competition) Assembly Yr 6/7 Sports Day Ppmt Date
Thurs 9 th	1.10pm	HOLY THURSDAY Classes End Term 1 Ends
Mon 27 th	8.40am 2.05pm	Term 2 resumes Sacramental Prog begins Staff PD - Classes End
Tues 28 th		Yr 13 History Trip
Wed 29 th		Yr level assemblies
Thurs 30 th	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
May		
Fri 1 st		Newsletter Posted
1 st – 3 rd		Duke Ed Final Silver Trip
Mon 4 th	7pm	BOT Meeting
4 th , 5 th , 7 th		Yr 13 Careers Interviews
4 th – 8 th		AsTTle Testing Yrs 7-10 STARS Survey
Thurs 7 th		VUW Information Evening
9 th & 10 th		O'Shea Shield
Tues 19 th	6.30pm - 8pm	Open Evening

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