



## Welcome to the 2008 School Year

We welcome all our new students, those from families who are forming their first association with the College and those who have had a long association already through parents, brothers and sisters and extended family members. Thank you to so many parents and family members for joining us at our Powhiri on Monday. We hope that your association with Bishop Viard College will be happy and rewarding.

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm** all parents / guardians of students in years 7, 9 and 11 are invited to come to a briefing meeting at the college. Deans and Senior Management will speak of the important aspects of education and development related to these important years of transition in our education system – the move from Primary to Intermediate, from Intermediate to Secondary and the start of Senior Secondary with the demands of NCEA. This will be a very important session for you and your child. There will be time for discussion and questions so come along to help us all plan for the best possible outcomes for your children. Following this meeting the Parents and Friends Association will be hosting a **barbeque**. This will be a further opportunity to meet the families of your children's friends and to mingle informally with staff. The Parents and Friends Association will provide some sausages and salads and cordial. You are welcome to also bring your own contribution to supplement this if you wish. If you would like to assist the Parents & Friends in hosting this barbeque please contact Mr Steven Knipping, Deputy Principal on 237-5248

Welcome to our new members of staff:

TJ Ahuja – LTR Mathematics  
Sala Erika – English, Samoan  
Marlene Jackson – HOD Science  
Lauren Juno – Year 7 Homeroom  
Joshua Parker-Bevin – Geography  
David Roberts – Business, ICT, Mathematics  
Monica Roberts – LTR Food Technology  
Barbara Woods – LTR Guidance Counsellor

Congratulations to staff members:

**Rebecca Howe** on the birth of her son Harrison

**Marie Aydon** on the birth of her son Jackson

### Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees extend a warm welcome to all new students and their families to Bishop Viard College and looks forward to a successful association. The Board of Trustees met on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month

with their first meeting for 2008 being on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.**

*Marian Blackford (Chairperson)*

### Vasega Gagana Samoa uma : Y9,Y10,Y11,Y12 & Y13.

There will be a meeting for the parents of all students studying Samoan language this year at **6pm on 28 February**. We look forward to seeing you all there.

E vala'au atu I matua ma fanau o vasega e pei ona ta'ua I luga.

Ona ole fia feiloa'i ma lo outou paia, aemaise fo'i le fia fa'amalamalama atu ole polokalame o le Gagana Samoa 2008.

### **Aso e fai le felloaiga:**

**Aso Tofi, 28 Fepuari, 2008, 6 ile afiafi ile staff room.**

E amata le afiafi ile ipu ti.

Fa'afetai Lava

A fia malamalama atili fa'amolemole e fa'afeso'ota'i:

Salamasina Va'afusu'aga Erika.(faia'oga Y9,Y10,Y12&13)

Pepe Robertson (faia'oga Year 10 &11 )

Telefoni: 237-5248

### Congratulations

- \* To **Sonny Miti and Jessica Jansen** who are our Head Students for this year and to their deputy, **Jessica Lacey**
- \* To the **Barbershop Boys (One Voice)** on their outstanding performance at the 1<sup>st</sup> ever International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival in San Antonio, Texas and on their many performances leading up to this competition.

### "One Voice Barbershop Chorus"



*Farewelling family and friends at Wellington Airport*

The chorus enjoyed the benefits of many world class coaches in San Antonio, the experience of singing and mixing with the top quartets, the hospitality of the Brigidine Sisters and some great sightseeing round San Antonio and

### 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*

Los Angeles. In the International Youth Chorus competition two groups were awarded “superior” status while One Voice was awarded “excellence” status. Only the first three placings have been made public but our chorus was only one mark behind the third placed chorus. Their overall mark of 264/300 in an international under 25 competition was a magnificent achievement. Sincere thanks to all those who helped coach the boys, Mrs Hill, Matt Gifford, Peter McGregor, Roger Stevenson, Charlotte Murray and David Brookes. Thank you also to the parents for their organization, fundraising, chaperoning and support of their boys. We also appreciate all our sponsors and the generous donations from members of the community. Building upon this experience we are looking forward to some wonderful music in the year ahead.

**Year 7 Orientation**

The Year 7 Orientation Day will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. The day will commence with a short liturgy in the Chapel at 10am. Parents are warmly welcome to attend.

**Year 8 Orientation**

The Year 8 Orientation Day will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Students will be based at Bishop Viard College with activities being run at Tu Hono. All students must come to school in school uniform and bring with them their PE uniform as well as a water bottle and lunch.

**NCEA Term 1 Assessments**

A time of assessments this term for years 11,12 and 13 is distributed to parents with this newsletter.

**Smokefree Environments Act**

All schools are required to be 100 percent smokefree, both indoors and on their grounds. Please note that nobody is permitted to smoke anywhere on school property - this includes the driveway, the sports fields and inside private cars parked on school property. This prohibition applies all hours.

**Wednesday Early Finish**

Classes end at 2.05pm every Wednesday. This allows teachers to use their entitlement non-contact time to work together on planning, assessment and moderation and other staff development tasks. School Buses will leave the college at 2.10pm on Wednesdays.

**Years 7, 8 & 9 (Forms 1, 2 & 3)  
Rooms and Teachers**

*Year 7*

Dean of Year 7 and Head of Faculty:

	Ms Nellie Hunt
Room N10, 7MS	Ms Lauren Juno
Room N12, 7AU	Mr Anthony Urwin
Room N5, 7KW	Mrs Katie Willis

*Year 8*

Room N3, 8GT	Mrs Gael Thain
Room N1, 8CP	Mr Colin Pinker

*Year 9 Form Teachers:*

Room S7, 9KM	Mr Karl McLennan
Room N7, 9TL	Ms Tara Langford

**Deans**

Year 13	Mr David Anastasi
Year 12	Mr Marek Wolbinski
Year 11	Mr Ryszard Balejko
Year 10	Ms Fiona Evans
Year 9	Ms Sally Beccard
Year 8	Mrs Gael Thain
Year 7	Miss Nellie Hunt

**Ms Nellie Hunt**

Nellie is still seriously ill in hospital and unable to be with us for the start of the year. Our prayers are with her for a full and speedy recovery.

In Nellie’s absence her responsibilities will be taken up as follows:

Head of Yr 7&8 Faculty:	Mrs Gael Thain
Curriculum Leadership in Yr 7&8:	Mrs Katie Willis
Dean of Yr 7:	Mr Anthony Urwin

**Daily Timetable**

**Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri**

8.45 - 9.45	<b>Period 1</b>
9.50 - 10.50	<b>Period 2</b>
10.50 - 11.10	<b>Interval</b>
11.15 - 12.10	<b>Period 3</b>
12.15 - 1.10	<b>Period 4</b>
1.10 - 1.50	<b>Lunch</b>
1.55 - 2.05	<b>Form Time</b>
2.10 - 3.05	<b>Period 5</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
8.45 - 9.35	<b>Period 1</b>
9.40 - 10.30	<b>Period 2</b>
10.30 - 10.50	<b>Interval</b>
10.55 - 11.45	<b>Period 3</b>
11.50 - 12.20	<b>FT / Assembly</b>
12.20 - 1.00	<b>Lunch</b>
1.05 - 1.15	<b>Form Time</b>
1.20 - 2.05	<b>Period 4</b>

**NCEA Results**

If you believe there is an error in your results or want to query the marking please see Mrs Lewis **within the next 10 days**. Please note there are often odd data entry errors in such a large record keeping process so please check your results carefully.

**Record of Learning NCEA**

*Record of Learning (ROL) – request your free copy*  
Learners are entitled to receive one free copy of their ROL, if they have gained some credits in the previous year. You must request this ROL via the NZQA website Learner Log in or by returning the order form by fax or post. This facility becomes available for secondary school learners when they receive their interim result notice in January. Learners are able to view their ROL online as well.

### Student Identity Cards

Students aged between 16 and 19 years are only eligible for child fares upon presentation of an approved photo I.D. These cards are often useful for students of all ages and it is likely further benefits will apply to card holders during the year.

The cost of the card will be \$5.00, payable on order.

ID photos will be taken during the week 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February for all students. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

### Student allowances

Students who turn 18 years of age before or during the year may apply. A full allowance is payable to students whose combined parents' income is less than \$28,000 per year. The allowance reduces to zero when parents' combined income reaches approximately \$45,000 per year. Application forms and information brochures will be available from Ms Conal.

### A New School Year

Families will be reorganising their schedules to the many activities of a new school year. Everyone in the family has to make adjustments to routines once school starts. I would encourage you to discuss the following with your children:

- Talk about a routine and decide which TV programmes they wish to watch, so TV doesn't just fill up the time.
- Keep a homework diary (available from the college office) with homework details, assignment dates, sport and cultural practices and rehearsals, and major events.
- Talk about asking the teacher if they don't understand and offer to ask for them if they are shy.
- Talk about the rules at school. We hope school is fun at times, but that is not the object. The important thing is to advance our learning. The rules help create the environment where everyone can work well.
- Talk about the number of activities (homework, music lessons, clubs, sports, dance etc) that children can manage and the commitment they require.
- Talk about using the night before to prepare for the next day and so cut down any tension and stress and ensure they have everything necessary for a productive day of learning at school.
- Discuss peer pressure and the importance of being true to oneself.
- Clearly name all items of uniform and discuss ways of taking care of personal property.

### Uniform

Please name all uniform items clearly. When buying new articles of clothing take careful note of the following uniform regulations stipulated in the prospectus:

- Plain black leather school shoes with black laces or Roman Sandals
- Boys trousers are charcoal grey for both day and dress uniform
- Girl's uniform is a white blouse, not a polo shirt.
- Girls may wear long white socks or black tights that come well above the hem line.
- Regulation Viard jacket or Viard tracksuit top for wet/cold weather.

- Year 13 students are expected to wear Formal Uniform. Formal Uniform is optional for daily wear in years 9-12 (forms 3-6).
- When representing the College in some sports teams and musical groups, students will be expected to wear the formal uniform, with the blazer or the college jersey. The college track suit is a very practical alternative for sports teams.

The uniform shop is managed by Mrs Yvonne Clinch and Yvonne is willing to on-sell second-hand uniform on behalf of parents. If you have uniform to sell, please make sure it is clean and well-labelled with your name, address and phone number. She has a number of smaller sized second hand blazers for sale.

**The uniform shop will be open daily from 8am-8.45am and from 3.10-3.45pm.** If you are unable to come at these times please ring Mrs Clinch to arrange an appointment. She will not be able to leave the library to sell uniforms unless a prior arrangement has been made.

### Uniform Care

The manufacturers recommend that the woollen jerseys are either hand washed or washed on the gentle/woollen cycle of the machine in warm (not hot) water. This will preserve the shape and size of the garment.

### Homework Diaries

**A reminder that Homework Diaries are for sale in the School Office for \$4.00.** These books are a compulsory item for all students. We would like all students to have one of these books as soon as possible. We have just been informed this week that our "Fuelled 4 School", Healthy Options Project will provide all **year 9** pupils with a diary free of charge this year.

### 2007 Yearbooks

The 2007 yearbook is available for purchase from the office. \$20.00 each. Prior to purchasing please check with the office that your yearbook is not already been paid.

### School Photos

School Photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 26 February**. Order forms were handed out to students on Tuesday detailing the arrangements for family group photos, individual photos and payments. Please contact the Principal's Secretary if you require further information.

### Library Open Day

The Library will be open for 1 hour on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 2.15pm** for all Year 7 & 8 students and their parents to learn ways on how to engage your child/children in learning through library and information skills. For further information please contact either Mrs Yvonne Clinch – Librarian, Ms Katie Willis or Mrs Pepe Robertson by leaving a message at the office phone 2375248.

### Debating

Viard enters teams in the Wellington Speaking Union inter-college competition and also runs form level debating contests. Debating makes you a confident speaker and helps you develop research and quick thinking skills. Students interested in Debating please give your name and class to Mrs Lewis **by lunchtime on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February (week 2) at the latest.**

### Civil Defence Emergency

In the event of a major civil defence emergency (earthquake, flood, fire, hazardous substance leak), pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will **NOT** be released from the college unless a parent/caregiver (or person designated by the parent/caregiver) comes for their child. When collecting a pupil please report to the Emergency Controller and verify you are taking responsibility to ensure everybody is accounted for. All uncollected pupils will remain in the care of the staff until handed to Civil Defence or other suitable authorities e.g. Police or Children, Young Persons and their Families Service. **NO** Pupils will be released to leave the college with another person or alone until the Police/Emergency Services advise the area is safe. Students and staff remaining will be kept at school overnight until transferred to Civil Defence care.

If your child requires medication please ensure the college has a record of the medication type and dosage together with any special requirements.

Emergency procedures will be explained to all pupils. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Contact Details

Please ensure our office has your up to date contact details (address and phone numbers) at all times.

### Other Reminders

The school is now required to treat all unexplained absences as truancy and wish to avoid any confusion or difficulties for families. We are working hard to ensure that attendance concerns are addressed promptly. If you know that your son or daughter will be absent or late to school for any reason please contact the school office, preferably by 9am, to inform the school. If you are leaving an absentee message on the school answerphone please ensure that you state your name, the name of the student concerned, their form class and reason for being absent. It is the intention of the school to contact parents/guardians by 10.30am when we have a concern about an absence or lateness.

Also

- A note explaining absence is always required when a student is away from school. It is given by the student to his/her form teacher.
- School uniform should be worn with the pride of representing the school - with no additional items such as baseball caps with logos, beanies or hoodies.
- Cycle helmets must be worn by students who bike to school.
- We strongly encourage students coming to school by bus to get off the bus at school (not at the station) and to catch the bus from school at the end of the day whenever possible.
- Senior students driving a car or motorbike to school must have a signed permission form, obtainable from Mrs Lewis, and abide by the rules outlined on that form.

- Students, except for Year 13 (form 7), may not leave the school grounds during lunchtime. An official permission slip must be issued by the appropriate Dean if a student has a valid reason to go off the property.

### To and From School

Whenever possible students are encouraged to travel with parents or on the school buses.

Students travelling by public transport are expected to:

- queue appropriately and not push when getting on or off.
- stand and offer seats to adult passengers
- use subways and bridges - never cross railway lines
- avoid loud and boisterous behaviour
- be courteous to all members of the public

### Lost Property/Clothing

Items may be reclaimed from Mrs Lewis' office immediately after school each day. Parents are welcome to check with Mrs Lewis for lost items. Please note that clothing will not be kept longer than one term.

### Music

Students learning a musical instrument from the Itinerant Specialists please make sure your fees are paid to the office before lessons commence. Please note that students taking music as a classroom option in years 10 and above must be learning an instrument or receiving vocal tuition either privately or through the Itinerant teachers at school. This is a requirement for all the music performance courses offered at the college.



### Big River (Musical) School Production 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April

This year's production is "Big River" – based on Mark Twain's Classical 1884 novel of Huckleberry Finn's Adventures. Bob Cater will be the Director and Lois Hill as Producer. Auditions were held on

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. More details will follow shortly.

### Brain Fuel

Some senior students studying Information Management and Computing in 2008 will be enrolled in the BrainFuel course, National Certificate in Computing (Level 2).

Students will be studying in class, and at home or wherever they have access to the internet. This is an on-line course, with students working with the Southland Institute of Technology. If you would like more information about how your son/daughter will be studying in this environment, please contact Mrs Smith by leaving a message with the office phone 237-5248, or email smithv@viard.school.net. Unfortunately no more applications will be accepted for Brainfuel.

### Health Clinic and First Aid

A doctor and nurse will staff the health clinic for a limited number of hours each week. Appointments to see them are best made in advance.

First Aid staff are only trained in first aid to deal with routine accidents at school. They are not trained to diagnose or treat illnesses or major injury. If medical treatment is required they will refer your child to your GP, make an appointment with the school nurse or doctor, or, in an emergency, call an ambulance. Please do not encourage your children to go to first aid expecting medical treatment.

### Year 7 Vision Screening

Regional Public Health provides a free vision screening programme for Year 7 students. Children who wear glasses or are under professional care, will not require a vision test. Screening tests are optional and while valuable are not a full assessment of your child's vision. Please notify the school office if you DO NOT agree to have your child tested by Regional Public Health staff.

### Stars Mentor Christmas Training

Our Year 12 and 13 Stars Mentors have completed their initial training are looking forward to helping the year 9 students in their Start Project K programme throughout the year. At the end of the training they were interviewed about their aspirations and dreams for the project this year. The following is a typical response from those interviews.

*"The Stars group leaders and peer mentors have many aspirations for the Year 9s to achieve this year. The mentors want to help make the arduous transition from Year 8 to Year 9 a more comfortable one. They wish to be good leaders and role models by listening and understanding the younger students. They hope to challenge the Year 9s and push them to achieve more and do things to the best of their ability. They plan to encourage the students, so their confidence will grow. They want to support them and the learning so they are able to gain skills and learn more about themselves. The programme will benefit both Yr 9s and mentors as they all work together as a team and above all, HAVE FUN!"*

### Sports for 2008

Hello and Happy New Year!!

Hopefully everyone had a safe and enjoyable Xmas and New Years break. We have a very busy year with sports, starting off with Athletics with our Inter house competitions. From this Representatives will be selected to compete in the Western Zone Meet then the Regional Championships later on in March. We have the Viard Shield Competition which is being held at Hato Paora College on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and Rugby exchanges later on at the end of the term. All of which we will keep you up to date with.

Attached with this newsletter is the Sports Information Booklet and the Winter Sports Registration and Code of Conduct form. Please read and fill out these forms with payment and return to the office if your child wants to play in the winter season. **The Final day for registration is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.** Extra copies of

the information booklet and registration forms are available from the Sports

Co-ordinator, Mr Mikaio.

### Sport Coaches

Any parents interested in coaching or managing a Viard sports team would you please contact Mr Setefano Mikaio at school. If you have any queries please contact me at school, 2375-248 ex 766.

*Setefano Mikaio  
Sports Co-ordinator*

### Western Bays Rippa Rugby

Western Bays Rippa Rugby for Year 7/8 students will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** with the postponement date being Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. You will be notified shortly if your child has been selected to represent the school in this event.

### Careers

There will be an Open Day at the Police College on Saturday, 23 February 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please note that the police are now recruiting students leaving from Year 13 so this is an excellent opportunity to view training facilities and to ask questions about a career in the police.

The navy is offering two excellent opportunities to give students a taste of life in the navy this year. Very similar to the army challenges last year, Navy Adventure Challenge will be held 20-24 April and 28 April-2 May at the Devonport Naval Base. Year 12 and 13 students are invited to apply. There will be leadership, fitness and team-building activities.

All travel, accommodation and meal costs will be covered by the navy. A HIGH STANDARD OF FITNESS IS REQUIRED and the capability to pass at least Level 2 and 3 NCEA Maths and English is also required. Viard may submit a maximum of THREE applications. Applications close Friday, 28 March. Ms Conal has application forms and detailed information. Any questions from parents - phone 2375248 Ext 825.

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### A Psalm for the Start of Year

You are a God of trust.

You are a God of hope.

In you, people find happiness and joy:

In you, people find peace.

Guide and protect all those who seek you, Lord.

Help us in our work,

In our meetings,

In our learning,

And especially in our fun times together.

When we are tired and cannot wait for rest

Let us remember that you are there to support us

And take our burdens from us;

Filled with new hope

We entrust ourselves to Your care. Amen.

# Coming Events

<i>February</i>		
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>		ID Photos taken
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>		Year 13 Retreat
14 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Year 7-9 Star Testing
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>		Year 7 & 8 Orientation
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Parent Orientation & BBQ
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Mass
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>		Athletic Sports Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Year 10 Orientation BOT Meeting
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>		School Photos
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>		Yr 9 & Yr 10 Assembly Yr 7&8 Bullying Prog with Police
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Postponement  6pm	Yr 10 Orientation Prog Gateway 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course Yr 12 Social Science Trip Samoan Class Meeting
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>		Barbershop Workshop – Wgtn
29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar		Duke of Ed Gold Tramp
<i>March</i>		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Western Zone Athletics
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Sports Club Meeting
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Assembly Yr 7 & 8 Library Open Day
6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Gateway 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Newsletter Posted
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>		Year 9 STARS Camp
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>		Regional Athletics Year 11 Assembly
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>		Viard Shield Athletics
17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>		Interruption Free Week
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	BOT Meeting
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>		Yr 7 & 8 Ripparugby Comp
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>		Easter Paraliturg Catholic SS Appeal
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>		Holy Thursday Classes end 1.10pm

7 February 2008



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