



MID YEAR STOCKTAKE

As we come to the half way mark in the school year it is time to reflect on where we are and take stock of our studies, our health and our personal growth. The year started with a celebration of the significant improvement in our NCEA results. The extent of this improvement can be seen in the attached Annual Report. Student leadership and responsibility has been embraced at a number of levels through mentoring, the Fuelled for Schools campaign and an environmental and recycling group. Our talented singers have risen to new heights, especially in barbershop style. This term was dominated by the loss of our beloved Nellie Hunt and the celebration of her life and gifts to us all. Following close on that came our 40th jubilee celebrations. The mutual support students and staff gave to each other over those difficult weeks allowed us to view each other with renewed respect and understanding. Now in this final week of term, one of the most heartening sights I have witnessed is the large number of senior students studying at lunch time and after school either in preparation for, or actually sitting, catch up assessments to ensure they are up to date and have achieved the maximum number of credits by the end of the term. As some recover from winter colds and ailments and seniors reflect on the contents of their report, the holidays will offer us all a time to recharge and renew our energies. We also pray for our pilgrims heading to World Youth Day and ask that they take our intentions with them and bring back to us the blessings and graces of this wonderful faith event.

From the Board of Trustees

At the BOT meeting on 30 June the Annual Report for 2007 was ratified, a copy is attached to this newsletter. I encourage you to read the graphs and data contained within the report. The college is making great progress in improving student achievement. The positive progress being experienced in years 7 to 10 in literacy in particular indicates promising future results. The Board received a detailed report from Deputy Principal Steven Knipping regarding student management. The college has robust attendance and behaviour management systems in place. Cooperation from families in these areas assists the school in ensuring all staff are able to focus on our students' academic needs. For example, a simple communication to school (a quick note from a parent) regarding uniform and lateness saves staff time and results in the student being in class, available to learn more promptly in the morning.

Marian Blackford (Chairperson)

Congratulations

- * To **Talamai Maiava** on winning the Gateway Work Experience Prize (full set of 10 driving lessons) for Term 2. Talamai demonstrated very good commitment to her work attendance and Gateway responsibilities. Well done.
- * To **Kieran Wright** on being selected to attend the NZ Army Careers Experience at Trentham Military Camp from 14 – 18th July.
- * To the following students who were presented with Honours Badge Awards for Achievement, Leadership

and Service this week: **Bronagh Ryan** (Swimming), **Ebony Sushames** (Dance), **Tiana Miti** (Music), **David Blackford** (Academic), **Cameo Cosgrove** (Kempo Karate) and **Briony Larsen** (Dance).

Best Wishes

To all our World Youth Day Pilgrims. 18 current students, 3 Board Members and 1 teacher along with a number of recent past pupils will be setting off to Sydney for World Youth Day next week.

Current Students	Maria Tau-eitiare	Others
Daniel Afolau	Marcella Teokotai	Marian Blackford
Melissa Azad	Fala Tuala Milo	Jane Norman
Paul Blackford	Alysia Walsh	John van der Kaa
Simon Blackford	Recent Past Pupils	Matthew White
Jody Dorgan	Stuart Afamasaga	
Kayla Gibb	Andrew Aitken	
Richard Hicks	Hannah Aitken	
Hancey Koning	Rebecca Andrewartha	
Josephine Lafaele	Chris Blackford	
Brooke Leota	Mark Holden	
Sean Martin	Peter Laumemea	
Greg McClean	Chris Pakau	
Kolose Misa	Carl Shann	
Karina Shann	Faafili Tusani	

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

Staffing

Mrs Dinah Ostler-Malaulau has resigned from the Mathematics Department effective from the end of this term to complete her thesis. We thank her for her contribution to Bishop Viard College during her time on the staff. We also say farewell to Monica Roberts, Tejinder Ahuja and Lauren Juno who have held long term relieving positions while staff have been on study and maternity leave. We welcome back Rebecca Howe from Maternity Leave next term and wish Ms Sarah McBride all the best as she takes maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her second child. We welcome Vicky Hansen who has been appointed to the staff to cover Sarah's maternity leave.

Year 7s and 8s wrap up the term in Technology



As the Year 7's and Year 8's prepare to move on to their new options in term 3 they rush to finish their creations. The students have completed various projects in technology where they have researched number

plates, interviewed stakeholders and created solutions for problems. They have enjoyed these new experiences and learning in the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Enrolments 2009

Non-Preference enrolments close on the last day of this term. There is a high demand for places this year and only a very limited number of places are available. Students that do not meet the preference requirements laid down by the New Zealand Conference of Catholic Bishops can at best be placed on a waiting list after 5th July. Please note that preference is accorded by the Parish Priest and that having a sibling in the school is not one of the criteria for preference. The criteria were published in last month's newsletter and may also be found in our enrolment packs.

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme has begun but the administering of the sacraments has been postponed until **Thursday 4th September**. Students wishing to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) need to register with Mrs Thain **immediately** if they have not already done so.

Parental Consultations

Please note your diary for the following parental consultations that will take place next term:

Monday 4th August – Pasifika Parents Learning Conversation, 6pm in the Library.

Monday 11th August – Tokelau Consultation on the draft Tokelau Language in New Zealand Curriculum document, 6pm in the Library.

NCEA Fees 2008

Fees for Domestic Candidates

For any number of National Qualifications Framework standards and up to 3 scholarship subjects:

\$75 per candidate

How do I pay the fees?

Attached to this newsletter is your child's NZQA invoice. These fees are to be paid to the school by **15th August**. Do not pay NZQA directly. You are welcome to pay by instalments if that is more convenient. If you have any questions about the payment of fees you should refer it to the school office.

If you do not pay the fees NZQA will not report any results on your child's Record of Learning and they will not get any NCEA credits.

Students in *year 10* who are being assessed for some NCEA standards this year need not pay any fee this year. Their results will be held over for submission to NZQA next year.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

To apply for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or caregiver of the candidate) must meet AT LEAST ONE of the following criteria:

- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- Have a joint family income below the amount to receive a Community Service Card
- Have more than one child in the family paying NQF fees in 2008, no matter how much you earn and the total fees to pay are higher than \$200.

If you think you should get financial assistance you must complete the attached form urgently. Additional copies of this form can be found on the NZQA website, www.nzqa.govt.nz or you can get a copy from the school office.

STARS Term 2



Year 9 STARS students completing their STARS Community Challenge at the Garth Varley Mountain Bike Track – Waitangirua

The 'STARS' Programme has continued to flourish at Bishop Viard College this term. Sixty five Year 9 students, their senior peer mentors and group teachers successfully completed the Community Service Challenge in Waitangirua. The Peer Mentors have continued to run weekly sessions on topics such as self worth, communication, time management and responding to peer pressure. These students have found that learning to say "No" through discussions and role playing is worthwhile. "We talk about important things like how to handle peer pressure and set goals. STARS makes me feel like people care how I am feeling."

Important STARS Term 3 Dates:

Fri 22nd Aug, 9-3pm – STARS Venture Wellington City
 Thurs 4th Sept 7-8.30pm –STARS Graduation-BVC Hall
 More details to follow next term.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Sports

Upcoming Events:

7th August Chanel College Exchange
 18th August Sports and Cultural Photos
 12th September Winter Sports Dinner

With the price of petrol sky rocketing we would ask all students who need a ride to their games to contribute \$2 to the driver. It's becoming increasing expensive for the same parents/coaches/managers who are taking their cars to transport the players for the games. Your help here would be very appreciated.

*Setefano Mikaio
 Sports Co-ordinator*

Careers

- A reminder to parents that students who are already 18 or who will turn 18 during the school year may be entitled to a student allowance. The combined income of two parents should not be more than \$71,280.88 before tax. However, children of parents who earn more than this amount can get a reduced allowance, so it is definitely worth enquiring about. Students who are working can earn up to \$185.73 a week before tax without the student allowance payment being affected; those earning more than that can get a reduced allowance. This allowance is definitely worth applying for because it can make a big difference to the household budget. Go to www.studylink.govt.nz where you can apply online. You can also phone Ms Conal 2375 248 Ext 825.
- The Victoria University Pasifika Days will be held as follows 19th September Junior, 12th November Senior.
- Youth to Everest is a programme that does what it says. It is a trek to Everest designed for school students. The total cost is \$6,880. Ms Conal has leaflets, otherwise go to www.everesttreks.co.nz

or email info@everesttreks.co.nz. Students must be 15 years or over.

- A number of scholarships are offered by the University of Auckland for the 2009 academic year. These include scholarships for top achieving academic students who can demonstrate all-round ability and scholarships for top Maori and Pacific achievers. There are also special scholarships for academic achievers who can demonstrate financial need, and subject-specific scholarship. Go to scholarships@auckland.ac.nz or see Ms Conal.
- Students interested in training to teach or be a counsellor at a Christian college may be interested in the Bethlehem Tertiary Institute. Ms Conal has information, or, visit www.bethlehem.ac.nz or phone 0508 Bethlehem (07 238 453).
- Massey University is holding information evenings for students and parents in July. These are on different evenings depending on the subject but all are in the week 21-24 July. Ms Conal has more information, or, visit www.massey.ac.nz
- Applications for Massey University scholarships close on 30 August. Scholarship criteria include high academic achievers, Maori and Pacific achievers, students with disabilities and sports scholarships. Ms Conal has information or visit <http://awards.massey.ac.nz> ; for the sports scholarship contact k.rofe@massey.ac.nz
- Coca Cola Expo will be held on 13 and 14 August in Wellington. Parents are welcome to attend this excellent exhibition of many, many tertiary courses and careers. Letters will be sent home next term for Year 12 and 13 students interested in attending the expo.
- Park Ranger: students who would love a career in the great outdoors - there is an opportunity to take part in a career day on July 31 (World Ranger Day) organised by the Department of Conservation and Wellington Regional Council. There are 1 - 2 places available for Viard students; age is open at present, but priority would be given to seniors. Please contact Ms Conal urgently Ph 2375 248 Ext 825 or (in the holidays) conalm@viard.school.nz.
- Massey University Jump Start Bursaries - a first year payment of \$1500 is offered to one student in each school in this area for students to attend Massey University. The usual university entry criteria apply, except that Year 12 and early Year 13 results will be considered for selection (as NCEA level 3 results are not available until much later). Ms Conal has details.
- Ms Conal has information about an Outward Bound course for 2009 which is aimed specifically at this year's Year 12 students moving into Year 13 next year. The cost is \$3,600 and applications close on 12 September. Interested students might consider seeking sponsorship from groups such as Rotary. The website address is www.outwardbound.co.nz/schoolleaders

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mid-Winter Musical Extravaganza
Saturday 19th July- 7pm
 Hosanna Church Auditorium
 Admission: Adults \$15, Students \$5 or
 Phone 2321231 for advance ticket sales.

All proceeds from the concert go into the Instrument & Scholarship Fund for members of the Kapi Mana Training Orchestra. One lucky concertgoer drawn at random will receive one term of free piano tuition at the Music Learning Centre.

Thinking of selling your home?

If any students, their families, or staff refer any home sellers or buyers to Deborah East of Leaders, she will pay the school a referral fee of 10% of the fees she is paid for any resultant sales. This would equate to roughly \$900 referral fee for a \$300,000 home listed and sold by her.

e-Learning Porirua
Computers in Homes Training
Registrations Invited for Course 28
Starting on Wednesday 23rd July at 6.00pm
Upstairs in the "Training Room" of the
Porirua RSA, 3 McKillop St, Porirua.

A Family Registration Fee of \$50 will be collected during the first four weeks of the training session

Prayer

All-powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away for those who seek you. Remain with your servants on their holy pilgrimage to World Youth Day and guide their way in truth and light. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination and me again in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



I've learned...
 One step – choosing a goal and sticking to it – changes everything.

Coming Events

<i>July</i>		
11 th – 20 th		WYO Day Pilgrimage
Mon 21 st	8.40am	Term 3 starts
	2.05pm	School closes for Staff PD
Thurs 24 th	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 25 th		Trophy & Cup Return
Mon 28 th	7pm	BOT Meeting
Tues 29 th		Yr 10 Careers Day at Whitireia
Wed 30 th	11.50am	Assembly
Thurs 31 st		Australian Maths Competition
<i>August</i>		
Fri 1 st		Newsletter Posted
Mon 4 th	6pm	Pasifika Parents Learning Conversation in Library
Tues 5 th	3.30 – 5.30	Northern Regional Polyfest
	6.15 – 7.30	Yr 7 – 10 Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 7 th		Junior Reports Distributed
		Yr 11 History Trip
		Chanel Sports Exchange
Fri 8 th		Yr 7 & 8 Social
Mon 11 th	6pm	Tokelau Language Consultation in Library
Fri 15 th	9 – 3pm	Samoan Speech Competition

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