



## *Our Vision – part 5*

When do we feel fulfilled, valued and respected? It is when

- we speak we know we are listened to and heard,
- we strive to achieve a goal we are supported and affirmed,
- we mourn we are comforted,
- we err we are forgiven,
- we are able to give to others and
- we allow ourselves to receive from others.

So if we, the community of Viard, are to achieve this it will require that each one of us

- develops good listening skills,
- practises giving and receiving affirmation and praise,
- looks to put others ahead of our self especially when we see people in need,
- is patient with other people's weaknesses as well with our own weaknesses,
- learns to move on and not bear grudges or blame others for our misfortune,
- accepts people's differences as enriching not belittling or mocking them

To do this we need to first value ourselves. Jesus' command was to "love our neighbour as ourselves". We can practice doing this through such things as:

- Taking care of our body with good hygiene and healthy food and exercise.
- Taking care of our mind by nourishing it with knowledge and times of quiet reflection.
- Developing our emotions by sharing the experiences of others through conversation, reading, art and music.
- Keeping ourselves safe by surrounding ourselves with people who support us and putting boundaries around our actions to ensure we are faithful to the values we know to be true.
- Accepting the gift of others and they all they bring to us.

There is no need to be modest. Of course, you are great! We all are!

By honouring yourself, you are automatically telling the world that you honour it also. By treasuring who you are, you are celebrating your creator, and everything that exists in your world. By attending to your self value, you are confirming to the universe your joy to be a part of it. You are giving the best of what you have, to yourself, and this multiplies over and over, bringing the same value and worth to others.

### **From the Board of Trustees**

The BOT met on 28<sup>th</sup> July and welcomed our new staff representative Karl McLennan. We thank Stephanie Dodd who returned to this role to assist us through the loss of Nellie Hunt our previous staff representative. The BOT focused on the upcoming Catholic Character external review and in particular the special role that our Catholic Character plays in the school. We also spent some time considering the

impact of the recently released Maori Education Strategy Ka Hikitia- Managing for Success. The importance of encouraging and providing opportunities for whanau to play an active role in education and in discussions related to learning is an area in which the BOT would like to see improvement .

*Marian Blackford (Chairperson)*

### **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*

We want Bishop Viard College to be a place where:

1. We reflect the values of Christ.
2. We are all engaged in the learning process.
3. We achieve and succeed.
4. We strive for excellence.
5. We feel fulfilled, valued and respected.

## Congratulations

- \* To **Isaac Fa'amau** (year 13 2007) on his selection to the Wellington Under 19 Rugby team.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### School Vests



Students now have the option of wearing a jersey or vest as part of their uniform. Orders are now being taken. A deposit of \$20 is required at the time of ordering (non refundable). Sizes range from XS – 6XL. Prices range from \$58 - \$83. As the school is required to order a minimum of 20 vests at any one time Mrs Clinch would like an indication (including payment of the deposit) from any student wishing to purchase a vest by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. Layby is available. Delivery is estimated to be 4 weeks from order.

## PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

### Enrolments 2009

Preference enrolments are due by the end of Term 3, but the earlier we get these enrolments the easier it is for us to plan. We encourage you to get the enrolments in as soon as possible. Once the enrolment is submitted you will be contacted about an interview.

Non-Preference enrolments have closed and all places have been allocated for 2009.

### Selecting courses for 2009

Course selection booklets for years 11-13 are being mailed with this newsletter for students in years 10 - 12. These booklets give details of NCEA courses available for students and the requirements for entry into courses where these apply. I would ask you to consider the selection of courses for 2009 now and I would encourage you to come to the **Course Selection & Careers Evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7 – 8.30pm** with planning for 2009 in mind. There will be opportunity to discuss your children's future courses and careers with our teachers and with representatives of tertiary institutions. While entry to courses will not be confirmed until students have completed all assessment opportunities this year, the process of planning for 2009 can help students to be even more focussed in their studies this year.

### Yr 7 – 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews & Reports

Our second round of Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 7 – 10 will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August from **3.30 – 5.30pm and 6.15 – 7.30pm**. Progress reports will be distributed to Parents on arrival at school.

### Year 7 & 8 Social

The Year 7 & 8 Social will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm – 9.30 pm**. Cost is \$6.00. Year 13 students will be selling tickets during form time. **Tickets must be**

**purchased by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**. No door sales will be available on the night. Students will NOT be permitted to leave the venue and will be supervised by staff. **Parents are to ensure all students are collected at 9.30pm**. Permission slips were sent home with your child earlier this week. Please ensure these are returned to the form teacher as soon as possible.

### Changes to the Charitable Donations

#### Tax Regulations

New regulations are now in operation, which change the tax refund limit on charitable donations. You will be able to claim substantial amounts of money as a tax rebate on the full amount of any donations to your school, your PTA, your school's Proprietor and other charitable organisations. This applies to donations that you make during the 2008-09 tax year (2009 tax returns), and in succeeding years. You will need to keep your donation receipts and attach them to your claim form. Attendance dues are not charitable donations and cannot be used to claim a tax rebate. This is a welcomed change, which will reward your generosity. You can get donation rebate forms from the Inland Revenue Department's website at [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz) or you can phone the automated IRD phone line 0800 257 773 for a form. If you phone, you will need your IRD number.

### Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme has begun but the administering of the sacraments has been postponed until **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> August** – Pasifika Parents' Learning Conversation, 6pm in the Library.

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

**DUE FRIDAY  
AUGUST 15**

### 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?*

NZQA fees are to be paid to the school by **15<sup>th</sup> August**. (Invoice was attached to our July newsletter). 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 *years 9 and 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 in the year they study a full level 1 course. However, they cannot be transferred to another school without payment of the fee this 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](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) or you can get a copy from the school office.

Attached to this newsletter is the 2008 Candidate Information sheet.

## **EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

### **FORMAL**



This year's formal for Year 12 & 13 students will be held at The Lodge at the Inlet on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at a cost of \$60 per person. All students who plan to attend should already have paid their \$30 deposit to the office and handed in their permission slip to Mr Anastasi. **The remainder of the ticket price must be paid by Tuesday 12 August.** Parents are encouraged to discuss any possible after ball functions with their children. If they are to occur our recommendation is that they are held in family homes with parents responsible for their guests. The school strongly discourages any large functions in public halls that are open to others who have not attended the formal. The school is not responsible for any after ball functions. Students wishing to bring a partner from outside of Bishop Viard College need to request this in writing to the Principal. This request is to be signed by the parent/guardian & partner attending. Approval will be given at the Principal's discretion.

#### **Sports**

Chanel Exchange: Weather permitting the following teams will travel to Chanel College, Masterton on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August for our annual sports exchange:

- 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys soccer
- U15 rugby
- 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls hockey
- Collegiate 1 netball
- Junior 1 netball
- Indoor bowls
- Ballroom Dancing

#### **Sports & Cultural Photos**

Sports & Cultural Photos will be taken on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**. Students will need to have their full sports playing uniforms to change into for the photos on the day. A newsletter detailing the arrangements will be handed out to students concerned shortly. Please contact Setefano Mikaio, Sports Co-ordinator if you require any further information.

#### **Winter Sports Dinner**

The Winter Sports dinner will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. Note your diary. More details to follow.

*Setefano Mikaio*  
Sports Co-ordinator

#### **Northern Regional Polyfest**

The Tokelauan and Cook Island groups will be performing at the Northern Region Polynesian Festival next week Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of August. The Powhiri will begin at 9:00am and the festival will be hosted by Tawa College this year. The festival will be held at the Elim Church, Local secondary schools in the Porirua basin will also be performing. If you would like to come and see our students performing there will be between 200 and 300 available seats, entry fee is a gold coin donation/ koha. Our students are performing in the afternoon. You will have to be quick as it is 'first in first served basis.' Please be aware that only performers will be allowed to go to the Polyfest and all other students must attend school.

#### **Pacifica Beats**

Pacifica Beats is being held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August** at Mana College. Our boys' band is competing and working hard for this event.

#### **Barbershop**

The National competitions for Barbershop are on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at the Lower Hutt Town Hall. "Pacific Flavours" our quartet and our boys chorus "One Voice" are preparing for this. The Quartets compete in the morning and the chorus in the afternoon. The evening concert is the Parade of Champions which includes the first 3 place getters. Tickets are very limited so if you intend coming to any of these sessions please request tickets from Mrs Hill as door sales **will not** be available.

### **"One Voice" Cabaret Evening**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm – 11pm**

Bishop Viard College, School Hall

**Tickets \$25**

Price includes meal, excellent entertainment, live band and a great social time.

Tickets available from

Lois Hill & Marlene Jackson at BVC or  
Mrs Va 021 871041

#### **Careers**

- Coca Cola Expo will run from 13 August (9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 4 – 7 p.m.) to 14 August (9 – 3 p.m.). As in

previous years, we do not run buses to this event, because seminars are on at different times on different days. Students will be asked to choose a particular day to go and will need parental permission. Letters will go out in early August.

- Year 12 careers interviews will be held on 11, 12 and 14 August. These will be by request, so students who do not have a good reason for an interview can elect to wait until next year. Those who request an interview will have 20 minutes each with a professional careers counsellor.
- International Student Volunteers is now interviewing for 2009. This is similar to the adult Volunteer Service Abroad programme. Details have been given to senior form teachers, but students and parents can email [nick@isvonline.com](mailto:nick@isvonline.com) or phone 521 2522 or contact Ms Conal on email [conalm@viard.school.nz](mailto:conalm@viard.school.nz) and she can forward information to you.
- Weltec is running its annual WorldSkills National Finals on 18 – 20 September at the Petone Campus. More on that in the next newsletter but you can contact [Jo.roest@weltec.ac.nz](mailto:Jo.roest@weltec.ac.nz) for further information.
- Information for NEXT year is now coming in to the Careers Dept. Ms Conal currently has the following documents that may be of interest: Massey University Aviation; Massey University Accommodation Guide, Scholarships for first year students at Massey University and the University of Canterbury Student Guide. Please phone her on 2375248 Ext 825 if you would like a copy of any of these.
- Victoria University will visit and speak to our senior Maori students on Thursday, 18 September. The school contact for this visit is Mrs Nina Kaa.
- Russell McVeagh Scholarship – Ms Conal has given information about this scholarship to Year 13 form classes, but parents and students seeking more information can email [jan.blair@russellmcveagh.com](mailto:jan.blair@russellmcveagh.com) or phone 09 367 8007. Ms Conal has a copy of information about this scholarship for law students. Applications close 15 August.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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.

### Prayer

Praise God for his goodness  
 Praise God for loving for me  
 Praise God for World Youth Day  
 Praise God for the witness of our youth  
 Praise God for the joy of our youth  
 Praise God for the leadership of our Pope  
 Every living creature, give praise to our God.

**Phillip J Viard SM**  
**was the first Bishop of Wellington 1848 – 1872**



### I've learned...

that people will forget what you said,  
 people will forget what you did,  
 but people will never forget  
 how you made them feel."

## Coming Events

August		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>		Nishio High School visit to BVC
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Pasifika Parents Learning Conversation in Library
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 5.30 6.15 – 7.30	Northern Regional Polyfest Yr 7 – 10 Parent Teacher Interviews Junior Reports Distributed
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Yr 7/8 Boys Rugby Tourn Petone
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		Chanel Sports Exchange
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>		Pacifica Beats Competition Yr 7 & 8 Social
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Tokelau Language Consultation in Library
11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>		Year 12 Careers Interviews
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>		Mufti Day ( St Vincent de Paul) Sports Committee Meeting
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.50am	Coca Cola Expo Assembly
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>		Coca Cola Expo Year 12 Career Interviews Yr 11 Geo Field Trip
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.40am 9 – 3pm 7 – 11pm	ASSUMPTION – School Mass Samoan Speech Competition One Voice Cabaret Evening
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>		Sports/Cultural Photos
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>		Year 10 Social Sciences Trip
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>		Barbershop Nationals Wellington Yr 12 & 13 Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>		STARS Community Venture
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Choral Federation Nationals Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Massey Open Day Victoria Open Day
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Senior Formal
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	BOT Meeting
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	7 – 8.30pm	Yr 9 Social Sciences Trip Yr 7/8 Tackle Rugby Tournament Course Selection & Career Evening
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>		Assembly
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>		Gold D of E Awards (Govt Hse)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	1.30pm	Vinnies Mass ( St P&P L. Hutt)
Sept		
Mon 1 – Wed 3		Catholic Character Review
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>		STARS Graduation
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>		Newsletter posted Sacraments Administered
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>		Interruption Free Week

31<sup>st</sup> July 2008

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