



Our vision is clear

This week we have been undergoing our three yearly review of Catholic Character. I am pleased to report the reviewers found the school in good heart with a solid foundation in the essential values and characteristics of Catholic schooling. It is the first goal of our vision statement and one which inspires our daily actions.

At the conclusion of the series of reflections on our vision statement I offer a simple way of remembering its key points:

We want Bishop Viard College to be a place where:

1. We reflect the values of **C**hrist.
2. We are all engaged in the **L**earning process.
3. We strive for **E**xcellence.
4. We **A**chieve and succeed.
5. We feel fulfilled, valued and **R**espected.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Barbershop Quartet, Pacific Flavours, are the 2008 National Secondary Schools Champions. Pictured with our Head of Music, Lois Hill, are the members of the quartet, Sonny Miti, Fala Tuala Milo, Chad Va and Daniel Afolau. This is the third time a quartet from Viard under Mrs Hill has won the National Championship.



Former pupils of Titahi Bay School, Ebony Sushames and Karina Shann, recently returned to their old school to present the Duffy Book Awards.

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

From the Board of Trustees

The Planning and Review Self Review has been completed and a summary is available on the college website. To navigate to the Board documents select School Identity – Board of Trustees. The recommendations from the review are:

1. A renewed effort should be made to find an appropriate method of consulting effectively with our Maori community.
2. Self review findings are to be reported in summary form in an annual BOT newsletter at the time of publication of the Annual Report in May each year.
3. The Self Review timetable is to be updated to cover the next four years.

Marian Blackford (Chairperson)

Congratulations

- * To **Pacific Flavours, Sonny Miti, Chad Va, Fala Tuala Milo and Daniel Afolau** on winning the National Secondary Schools Barbershop Quartet competition.
- * To **One Voice** who were placed third in the national final of the Secondary Schools Barbershop Chorus competition.
- * To **Tulipaolo Tanoi** who won the Year 12 level of the Wellington Region Samoan Speech Competition.
- * To **Bronagh Ryan** who won 2 gold, a silver and a bronze medal at the first weekend of the Wellington Swimming Championships.
- * To **Ebony Sushames** for gaining distinction in Contemporary Dance and winning a nomination to compete in the national competition in Christchurch.
- * To **Emmanuel Muriri and Akoia Schutz**, who were chosen to represent Porirua at the recent Human Rights Commission Diversity Forum in Auckland.
- * To **Lorenzo Lolesio and Philip Finau** on being selected for the Wellington Rugby U16's Development Squad.
- * To **Jacob Faletutulu, Joseph Afele Seuala and Richard Hicks** for being selected for the Wellington Rugby U18 development squad.
- * To **Amy Siauvao, Wlater Pearce, Christine Philipo, Matthew Powell, Janna Brown** on being voted the most outstanding leaders in this year's Stars programme.
- * To **Brooke Leota, Theresa Ioane, Karina Shann, David Alsford and Mapihi Kelland** on being voted the most outstanding mentors in this year's Stars programme.
- * To **Lania Whiting, Mariah Alatipi and Fiaola Pokia** who have completed their Catechumenate and will be baptised in the College Chapel this Friday evening.
- * To **Dalton McAndrew, Corey Clark, Sinead Clark and Karina Shann** who will join **Lania, Mariah and Fiaola** in receiving First Eucharist on Friday evening.
- * To recent past pupils, **Carl Shann and Phillip Aitken** who received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Government House last weekend. Carl

also received his Queen's Scout Award in a separate ceremony the following day.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Thanks



We wish to acknowledge the generous donations of the Mana Community Grants Foundation for their donation of \$8,000 for sporting equipment, boardgames, talking books, an electric guitar and a choir riser.

Uniform

School Vests: Vests are now in stock and may be purchased as an option to the jersey.

Boys Trousers Reminder: Grey long trousers are being phased out. Black regulation trousers are now being stocked in the school uniform shop and may be worn with the formal white shirt and tie. Grey shirts are to be worn with grey shorts or (during the phase out period) with grey longs.

Formal Photos

The Formal photos are now available for viewing. Parents can view the photos after school in the Physics Laboratory on Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th September. All orders including payment are to be made to the office **by next Friday 12th September**. A copy of the order form is being posted with this newsletter for year 12 & 13 students.

Sacramental Programme

Following this week's reception of Baptism and Eucharist 9 students are due to be Confirmed by Archbishop John Dew at the school mass on Friday 31st October. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Senior Examinations

Senior examinations will be held in the last week of this term. To accommodate these we will run a different timetable that week which will involve a change in lunch break to:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	12.10 – 12.50pm
Wed	12.00 – 12.50pm

Students will be given a copy of the exam timetable next week. The timetable will also be available for viewing on the school website by next Friday.

Updating Contacts

Please assist us by keeping your contact details – phone numbers, address and email address up to date at the school office.

School Uniform for 2009

Uniform fittings for students commencing at Bishop Viard College in 2009 or existing students that require new uniforms for 2009 will be held on **Tuesday 18th September 3.30pm – 7pm** or **Saturday 20th September 10am – 2pm in the Library**. It is possible to lay-by your son's/daughter's uniform. Payment on lay-bys can be made through the school office or by automatic payment. A deposit of 10% is required on all orders. Payment is by

Eftpos, cash or automatic payment. Please note we do not have the facility for credit card payments. Winz quotes are available upon request. A 10% discount is offered for orders over \$300 when paid in full. Uniform parcels will not be made up until they are fully paid for. If your child grows prior to commencing at Bishop Viard College we will, of course, exchange the uniform ordered for one of the correct size. If you are unable to come on any of the above days, please contact Mrs Clinch, phone 237-5248 ext 771 to arrange a suitable time.

Respiratory Illnesses

Attached to this newsletter is advice from the Regional Public Health for parents/caregivers looking after children with infectious respiratory illnesses.

Enrolments 2009

Preference enrolments are now due and we ask that they all be in by the end of Term 3.

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

Selecting courses for 2009

Thank you to the many parents who came to the Course Selection & Careers Evening on 26th August. This was the first time we had held an evening in this format and your positive response was encouraging. The Personal Planning booklets your child filled out will form a useful reference for them as they progress through the senior school.

All students should have returned their course selections by now so we begin the timetabling process for next year. It is likely that we will run a number of half year semester courses next year to give some students a greater choice of options. More details will be made available as we work through the timetabling possibilities.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Sports

Congratulations to the following teams who achieved highly in their winter codes:

- Badminton: Senior Boys won their local competition and were narrowly defeated in the regional final. Junior Girls were runners up in their local competition.
- Soccer: The First XI reached the semi finals of their competition.



- Hockey: Best of Luck to our senior girls' hockey team who are playing in their divisional semi-final next Tuesday.
- Rugby: The Under 15's reached the semifinals of their competition.
- Intermediate Chess Team: Congratulations to Amos Tomasi, Judge Zalewski, Dway Ko and Du Too Ko who recently completed in the Regional Chess Tournament. For a team that has only learnt chess for a short time we did very well. Special mention to Amos who won 3, drew 2 and lost 1 from 6 games.

Winter Sports Dinner

The Winter Sports dinner will take be held on **Friday 12th September, 7pm – 9pm in the school hall.** Students are required to bring a plate.

Setefano Mikaio (Sports Co-ordinator)

Barbershop

Congratulations to our senior boys Barbershop Quartet "Pacific Harmony" for winning the National Young Men in Harmony Quartet Competition on the 20th August. They are now the 2008 New Zealand Champion College quartet, and they intend to work hard towards International standards in the future.

Congratulations to our "One Voice" chorus of 17 young men who sing Barbershop style superbly. They were placed 3rd in the National Chorus Competition in Lower Hutt on the 20th August. They are a group of committed young men who are also aiming high towards future International Competition. Our sincere thanks go the coaches Matthew Gifford, Peter McGregor and the Musical Island Boys quartet members Henrietta Hankin from 'Eventime', the top Women's Quartet in New Zealand and Charolotte Murray, coach of the winning Men's Chorus 'Vocal FX'. Our boys have plenty to aspire to in their singing futures and have been so lucky to have had the constant contact with the "Best of New Zealand" in this genre.

Lois Hill (HOD Music)

STARS Community Adventure

Red jerseys were spotted everywhere last week in Wellington as dozens of Year 9 Stars and their senior mentors walked, trained, bussed the entire inner city, as part of their community adventure.

"The community adventure experience was awesome. We walked across the wharf and to Te Papa. We went to Information Centres to find out where things were and we went to the Civic Centre. We pretty much walked everywhere."

"I learnt how to 'strategise' ways to find the things I want to in the least amount of time and how to work as a team. This will help me in later life when I am working or am in university."

"It was exhausting but good to learn about Wellington statues etc. The Art Museum was cool."

"The Community Adventure helped me learn more about my Stars group. It helped me to see the changes our Stars group has made and, how we have developed our leadership skills."

Careers

- Friday, September 19 is Senior Ohomauri Day at Victoria University. Ten senior Maori students will be touring the campus and meeting Maori students and graduates.
- Tuesday, September 16 is a careers morning at Whitireia aimed at Year 10 students. 10SE and 10CL will be taking part in a number of careers activities to help them explore their options for the future.
- Year 13 Careers interviews will be held on 15, 16 and 18 September. All Year 13 will have a second 20-minute interview with a professional careers counsellor.
- Whitireia Polytechnic is again offering three fees scholarships for senior students valued up to \$4000.00 for their first full time year of study at Whitireia. Students must demonstrate a genuine desire and ability to succeed in their chosen area of study and must write about 250 words on their proposed course of study. Ms Conal has application forms for this wonderful opportunity. Closing date: Oct. 15.
- ACCESS RADIO in Wellington is running a course for 12-16 year-olds for 8 weeks, one or two hours per week, from

October 15. It costs \$30. The tutorial is 4-5 p.m. and the optional practical workshop follows from 5-6 p.m. Access Radio is at 35-37 Ghuznee Street, Wellington on Level 1.

- WELTEC's annual Trade and Technology Expo will be held on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 September during office hours. This is a brilliant expo for any students interested in attending Weltec or considering a trade career.
- Scholarships abound. Many get no applications because people don't know they exist. Try an advanced search on Google 'scholarships' and 'New Zealand' for an enormous range; add your own key words such as 'Maori' or similar, and you will be surprised at the range. Or, visit The Learning Shop downtown next to the Salvation Army Family Store and search Breakout, a programme dedicated to scholarships.
- IPENZ is offering \$5000 scholarships for students seeking a professional qualification in engineering. Ms Conal has application forms or go to www.ipenzfoundation.org.nz. Applications close January 10 2009.
- WELTEC offers scholarships of up to \$2000 in a big range of areas e.g. Health, Hospitality, Travel and Tourism, Construction, Creative Technology etc. Ms Conal has information, or, ph 0800 935 832.
- A reminder about the University of Waikato Hillary scholarships for students who excel academically and are all-rounders. Applications close on October 31. Ms Conal has information or, go to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz
- The University of Canterbury is offering scholarships for high-achieving all-round school leavers in Law, Science, Business, Engineering, Forestry and Education. Ms Conal has details or, visit www.myuc.co.nz
- Edna Waddell scholarships for women in engineering are offered. Ms Conal has information. The closing date is October 1.
- Ms Conal has the latest book of courses offered by Travel Careers and Training for 2009.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parenting Through Separation

Parenting through Separation is a free course for parents who are contemplating or undertaking separation, who want to support their children through this family change as effectively as possible. With support from the Ministry of Justice, this course provides practical tools and information as well as resources and opportunities to ask questions and meet other parents.

This course is being held on the following dates:

15th & 22nd September, 11am – 1pm at the Paraparaumu Library, 179 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu

15th October & 12 November, 10am – 12noon

22nd October & 26 November, 7pm – 9pm

at Skylight, Level 2, National Bank Building, Cnr Green & Riddiford Streets, Newtown

Contact Skylight on 0800 299100.

Prayer

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for my father who loves me,
for my grandfather who cares for me
and for God, my eternal father,
who made me and is always with me.

How Blessed I am!

Amen



I've learned...

The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them. (Confucius)

Coming Events

<i>Sept</i>		
Mon 8 th – 12 th		Interruption Free Week
Mon 8 th	9.30 – 3pm	Ear Van visit
8 th & 9 th		Yr 7/8 Vision & Hearing Tests
Wed 10 th	11.50am	Assembly
Fri 12 th	7-9pm	Winter Sports Dinner
Mon 15 th		Yr 11/12 Hospitality Day
15 th – 16 th		Year 13 Careers Interviews
Tues 16 th	7pm	Year 10's – Whitireia Polytech Instrumental Parents Concert
Wed 17 th	7pm	Year 11 – 13 Assembly Instrumental Parents Concert
17 th – 19 th		Year 12/13 Sports Stud. Ski Trip
Thurs 18 th	3.30 – 7pm	2009 Uniform Fittings in Library
	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 19 th		Yr 12 Religion Field Trip Yr 7/8 Life Education Trust Snr Pasifika Day – Victoria Uni
Sat 20 th	10am – 2pm	2009 Uniform Fittings
Mon 22 nd	7pm	BOT Meeting
22 nd – 26 th		Yr 11 – 13 Exams Yr 7/8 Life Education Trust
Wed 24 th		Yr 10 Assembly
Fri 26 th		Preference Enrolments Close Term 3 ends
26 th – 28 th		Duke of Ed Silver Tramp
<i>Oct</i>		
Mon 13 th	8.40am	Term 4 Beginnings
	2pm	Classes end
Wed 15 th		Year level assemblies
Thurs 16 th	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 17 th		STARS Induction
Sat 18 th	9.30 – 10.30	Yr 8 RE Scholarship
Mon 20 th	7pm	BOT Meeting
Tues 21 st		Sports Committee Meeting
Wed 22 nd		Year 13 Retreat
Fri 24 th		Senior Music Assessments
Mon 27 th		No classes – Labour Day
28 th – 31 st		Year 7-9 STAR Testing
Wed 29 th	7pm	Gateway Graduation
Fri 31 st	9.35am	School Mass: Confirmations
<i>Nov</i>		
3 rd – 5 th		2009 Gateway Interviews
3 rd – 7 th		Year 13 Exit Interviews
Wed 5 th		Sports Prizegiving
Fri 7 th		Snr Reports & Newsletter posted
Tue 11 th		Snr locker key return
Wed 12 th		Senior Certificate Awards
Thu 13 th		Graduation Dinner

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