

Newsletter



February 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

Welcome to the 2009 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.

Please join us...

On Monday 16 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.

PE Uniform



2009 sees the introduction of our new PE uniform for all new enrolments. The black shorts & white tee shirt will be phased out. If your child has outgrown their old PE uniform the new style can be purchased through Mrs Clinch at a cost of \$57.00 for the combo set.



Modelling our uniform in France: Karina Shann and Christina Dodds with Bishop Thierry, Fr Patrick Bridgeman, Sr Catherine Jones and Archbishop John Dew inside St Pauls Cathedral in Lyon. Hosted by Archbishop John Dew, Karina and Christina represented our College at the celebrations commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bishop Viard in Lyon.

Staffing



Welcome to our new members of staff:

Sr Malia Fetuli, AT Samoan, RE & Jnr Maths
Farhana Aiyaz, AT Science & Maths
Sr Seini Fatai, AT Year 8
Daniel Griffiths, AT Year 7
Martyn Leda, AT IT & Maths
Gemma Lorenc, HOD Music / Performing Arts
Barbara Baylis, AT ESOL
Natalie Moreno, AT Music, Drama & English

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

The following staff are leaving Viard:

- Mr Tai Poutu, our Caretaker is transferring to Auckland after 12.5 years service to the college.
- Mrs Rosaleen Larsen is leaving after 10 years service as our Canteen Operator.
- Mrs Audrey Hinder, our Librarian Assistant is leaving after 6 years to take up a position at Whitireia Polytechnic.
- Miss Claudia Larsen is leaving after 3 years service as our Canteen Assistant.
- Mrs Robyn Nash is leaving after 2.5 years as a teacher aide.

We thank them all for their selfless service to the students and families of Viard and wish them well for the future.

For your Information

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees extends 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 usually meets on the 4th Monday of each month with their first meeting for 2009 being on **Monday 23 February at 7pm**. At this meeting we will work on the draft 2009-2014 Strategic Plan and it will then be available online for comment.

Marian Blackford
(Chairperson)

Acknowledging our Students

Congratulations

- * To **PJ Iosefo and Karina Shann** who are our Head Students for this year and to their deputies, **Emmanuel Mururi** and **Theresa Ioane**
- * To **Katie McAndrew** on being selected for the Wellington Under 15 & Under 17 Softball teams which were placed 1st and 4th respectively at the North Island Nationals.
- * To **David Blackford** on being awarded the Ian Crabtree Scholarship for Electrical Engineering.
- * To **Paul Blackford, Shona Kuvarji, Vincent McClean, Shivani Silpa and Nicole White** on completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- * To **Brooke Leota** on completing her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Year 7 Orientation

The Year 7 Orientation Day will be held on **Friday 13 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 13 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.

Year 9 STARS

Bishop Viard College is continuing to run the successful STARS programme in 2009. This programme offers support to students in their first year of College through four planned and fully integrated stages - The Adventure Camp, Community Challenge, Adventure challenge and Peer Mentoring.

The STARS programme eases the transition of year 9 students into College life and encourages a caring community. Senior mentors and year 9 students form a bond that impacts positively on behaviour and attitudes.

From the 16th to the 19th of March STARS will run an Adventure Camp. This camp is integral to the success of the programme. Students compete in both physically challenging and mentally stimulating activities, integrating values such as team work, co-operation, accountability and ownership.

More information and permission slips for camp will be given out at the parents' orientation and BBQ evening on the 16th of February.

Tara Langford
STARS co-ordinator 2009

Year 10 Orientation

The Year 10 Orientation Day will be held on **Monday 23 February**. More information will be provided shortly.

Year 12/13 Girls Cervical Cancer Vaccinations

The Public Health nurses will be at school on **Thursday 26 February from 2.10pm** to provide information to all Year 12 & 13 girls on the cervical cancer vaccination and answer any questions. Parents are welcome to attend. Further information is also available on www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz. Consent forms together with information from a Catholic perspective and reflecting the Board of Trustees discussion about this matter will be sent home with your child after this session. The immunisations will take place on **Wednesday 11 March**.



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

Assistant Principal Junior School (Yrs 7-9):

Ms Tara Langford

Year 7

Room B10, 7DG Mr Daniel Griffiths
Room B9, 7AU Mr Anthony Urwin
Room B11, 7SJ Mrs Sindy Jadoo

Year 8

Room B5, 7/8KW Ms Katie Willis
Room B3, 8GT Mrs Gael Thain
Room B1, 8SF Sr Seini Fatai

Year 9 Form Teachers:

Room 9FN Mr Mohammed Farun
Room 9FI Sr Malia Fetuli
Room 9/10 DK Mr Karl McLennan

Deans

Year 13 Mr Marek Wolbinski
Year 12 Mr Ryszard Balejko
Year 11 Mrs Fiona Crawford (nee Evans)
Year 10 Ms Sally Beccard
Year 9 Ms Jane Norman
Year 8 Mrs Gael Thain
Year 7 Mr Anthony Urwin

Daily Timetable

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

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

NCEA Results

If your child believes there is an error in their results or wants to query the marking they are to 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. 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 is \$5.00, payable on order at the school office. ID photos will be taken during week 2, 9 – 13 February for all students. Order forms were handed to students this week.

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 their 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
- Boy's trousers are black for both day and dress uniform and are worn with white shirt and college tie. Boys may alternatively wear a grey shirt with grey shorts for day 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 dress uniform. Dress uniform is optional for daily wear in years 7-12 (forms 1-6).
- When representing the College in some sports' teams and musical groups, students will be expected to wear the formal uniform, with blazer.

The uniform shop is managed by Mrs Yvonne Clinch and Mrs Clinch 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.

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 \$5.00. These books are a compulsory item for all students. We would like all students to have one of these books as soon as possible. The "Fuelled 4 School", Healthy Options Project has again this year provided all **year 9** pupils with a diary free of charge. These were allocated to students earlier this week. If your child did not receive one please have them see their Dean, Ms Norman.

2008 Yearbooks

The 2008 (Jubilee Year) yearbook is available for purchase from the office at a cost of \$20.00 each. Prior to purchasing please check with the office that your yearbook has not already been pre-paid.

School Photos

School Photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 24 February**. Order forms are attached to this newsletter detailing the arrangements for family group photos, individual photos and payments. Please contact the Principal's Secretary if you require further information.

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, phone numbers and email) at all times.

Other Reminders

The school is required to treat all unexplained absences as truancy and wishes 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 inform the school by contacting the school office, preferably by 9am. 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 Mr Wolbinski's office immediately after school each day. Parents are welcome to check with Mr Wolbinski 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.

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.

Events & Opportunities

Sports for 2009

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 at 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 St Peter's College on 18 March and a rugby exchange against St John's College on 28 March. 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 Friday 13 February.** Lunch time registration days will be organised for students next week. 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 Setefano Mikaio at school on 2375-248 ex 766.

Setefano Mikaio
Sports Co-ordinator

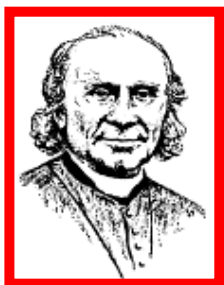
A Psalm for the Start of Year

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.



Mr Urwin delivers a mihi to the parents and welcomes new staff and students to the college at our Powhiri on Monday.



Bishop Phillippe Viard sm was the first Bishop of Wellington 1848 – 1872.

Coming Events

<i>February</i>	
9 th – 13 th	ID Photos taken
9 th , 10 th & 12 th	Yr 7 & 8 Library Trips
9 th – 12 th	Yr 7 & 8 Numeracy Testing
12 th – 13 th	Year 13 Retreat
Fri 13 th	Yr 7 & 8 Orientation
Mon 16 th 6pm	Parent Orientation & BBQ
16 th – 17 th	Yr 7 & 8 Numeracy Testing
16 th – 20 th	Year 7-9 Star Testing
Tues 17 th 6pm	Sports Club Meeting
Wed 18 th 11.30am	Mass
Thurs 19 th	Athletic Sports Day
Fri 20 th 10.50am	CCS Street Appeal Student Leaders Meeting
Mon 23 rd 7pm	Year 10 Orientation BOT Meeting
Tues 24 th	School Photos
Wed 25 th	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs 26 th 2.10pm in Library	Yr12/13 Girls Cervical Cancer Vaccination Information session
Fri 27 th 10.50am	Student Leaders Meeting
<i>March</i>	
Tues 3 rd	Industry Interactive Day Yr 12 History Trip
Wed 4 th 11.50am	Assembly Western Zone Athletics
4 th -6 th Mar	Gateway 1 st Aid Course
6 th Mar 10.50am	Yr 7 & 10 Representatives Mtg Newsletter Posted
9 th , 12 th - 16 th	Yr 8 Girls Self Defence
Wed 11 th 9am-12pm	Regional Athletics Yr 12/13 Girls Cervical Cancer Vaccinations Year 9 Assembly
Thurs 12 th	L2 Bio Field Trip
Fri 13 th	Yr 11 & 8 Representatives Mtg Snr Pasifika Day/Careers Fono
13 th – 14 th	Snr Volleyball Tournament
16 th – 19 th	Year 9 STARS Camp
Tues 17 th	Yr 7/8 Ripparugby
Wed 18 th	Viard Shield Athletics
Thurs 19 th 6.30pm 7.30pm	Yr10/11 Hands On Expo Pacific Parents Mtg Parents & Friends Mtg
23 rd – 27 th	Interruption Free Week
Mon 17 th 7pm	BOT Meeting
Tues 17 th	Yr 7 & 8 Ripparugby Comp

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