

Newsletter



March 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

We have enjoyed a very positive start to the 2009 year with new teachers and students settling into their classes well. It may be hard to believe we are halfway through term 1. Already we have completed the STAR literacy as well as the numeracy and PAT testing of year 7-9 students and the results are being analysed to assist in our planning for this year. Orientation days have assisted in the building of productive relationships and we enjoyed a fine sports day that brought out all the excitement of house competition. ID and class photos have been taken and ID cards are available for purchase from the office.



Porirua Blue Light PCT Challenge – see page 3



Sports Day – Ebony Sushames jumping for the winning Assumptionist House

There are a number of key events coming up at which you may consider being present to support your child:

Yr 8 Girls Gardasil Information	Tuesday 10 March
Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccinations	Wednesday 11 March
Yr 12-13 Girls Gardasil	Wednesday 11 March
Cullinane Cultural Exchange	Friday 13 March
Yr 9 Marae trip	Friday 20 March
Dragon Boat Festival	Sunday 22 March
Pasifika Education Plan	Monday 23 March
First XV v St John's	Saturday 28 March
Yr 6&7 Athletics Day	Tuesday 7 April
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 7 April

Check the calendar on the back page for times of events.

The Year 9 Stars Camp will be held from Mon 16 March – Thursday 19 March. Apart from parent helpers at the camp we

ask that this camp be a time of growth in independence from family. It may be hard for some students and parents but the experience can be a very important one.

We assure you that students will be well fed at the camp and we ask that they have the experience of healthy and regular eating patterns during that week so please do not send extra “nibbles” for them.

At the Board's first meeting of the year on 23 February Marian Blackford was re-elected as chairperson for 2009 and Jeff Larsen was elected deputy chairperson.



Student Leadership Council



Year 10 Orientation – see page 3

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

Acknowledging our Students

Congratulations

- * To our Student Leadership Council Members, **Paul Iosefo** and **Karina Shann** (Head Students) **Emmanuel Mururi** and **Theresa Ioane** (Deputies) and **Chantal Uialatea**, **Tulipaolo Tanoi**, **McKenzie Proffitt**, **Mamau Kaitara** and **Brooke Leota**.
- * To our Sports Captains: **Brooke Leota** and **Jesse Hing-Mather**.
- * To our House Captains:
Assumptionist: **Bernadette Schwalger** and **Shaw Reh Nga**
Brigidine: **Ann-Maria Maukeni** and **McKenzie Proffitt**
Cardinal: **Rachel Fomai** and **Joseph Faraimo**
Diocesan: **Tulipaolo Tanoi** and **AJ Tuveve**
- * To our Head of Technology, **Ryszard Balejko**, on the birth of his son Ryszard Junior.
- * To the following students who completed their Stars Mentors' Training Programme in the Christmas holidays: **Ebony Sushames**, **Maryane Manuele**, **Rachelle Robati**, **Justina Miti**, **Failagi Parsons**, **Josephine Meleah**, **Theresa Ioane**, **Jesse Sloane**, **Marie Bailey**, **Michaela Lealaisalanoa**, **Jesse Hing-Mather**, **Brad Walsh**, **Jarrold Gardiner**, **Lorenzo Lolesio**, **McKenzie Proffitt**, **Ioane Ane**, **Isaia Atoni**, **AJ Tuveve**, **Mamau Kaitara**, **Paul Iosefo**, **YongJoon Kim**, **Emmanuel Mururi**.
- * To **Jessika Akavi** on breaking the school under 14 Sports Day Discus and Shot Put records
- * To all students who represented the college at the recent Western Zone Athletics and to the following students for their respective age group placings:
Salio Siaunuua – 1st Shot Put & 7th 200m final
Jessika Akavi – 1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put
Peni Taupau – 2nd Discus & 3rd Shot Put
Lawrence Leota – 3rd Shot Put
Junior Neru – 3rd Discus

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Board of Trustees

A draft Charter for 2009 - 2014 was presented. This plan is the result of wide community consultation. It gathers together many thoughts, ideas and expectations and it will determine the Board's and the school's direction over the next five years. We encourage you, particularly if you were not involved in the consultation process or are new to our community to view the draft and provide us with feedback botchair@viard.school.nz. The draft may be viewed on line at <http://www.viard.school.nz/about.html> or in the college library.
Marian Blackford (Chairperson)

BOOK AMNESTY ON LIBRARY AND TEXT BOOKS



asked.

Please check under your bed, in the wardrobe, bookcases etc and return any books belonging to Bishop Viard College to the library **by 27th March**. No questions

Student Identity Cards

Students aged between 16 and 19 years are only eligible for child fares upon presentation of an approved photo ID. 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. ID photos have been taken and the cards are available to students upon payment. Order forms are available from the school office.

2008 Yearbooks

The 2008 yearbook is available for purchase from the office at \$20.00 each. Prior to purchasing please check with the office that your yearbook has not already been paid for.

Homework

The following information is provided by Team Up. Helping with homework:

Secondary students have homework nearly every day and while your teen may not need your input directly, there are still things you can do to help them manage the increased workload and help them achieve their best.

- Help them set a daily routine for homework time.
- See if they work better with music or background noise, but turn off the TV!
- Get young siblings to play in another space, or do a quiet activity.
- Be available for your teen to ask your opinion or for help.
- Talk to the teacher, if your teen regularly struggles to complete homework.

Some questions you could ask include:

- What's your assignment today?
- When is it due?
- Do you need special resources, for example, a trip to the library or access to a computer or special supplies?
- Is it a long-term assignment, for example, science project?
- For a major project, would it help to write out the steps or make a schedule?
- Would a practice test be useful?

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Immunisations

The Public Health nurses will be at school on **Wednesday 11th March, 9am – 12noon** to offer:

- all Year 7 students the Boostrix vaccine protecting against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough and
 - all Year 12/13 girls the 1st dose of the HPV vaccination.
- Consent forms for both vaccinations were sent home with students last week.



As previously advised the Public Health Nurses will be providing information about the Gardasil vaccine to all Year 8 Girls on Tuesday 10 March at 12.15pm in the library. Parents are welcome to attend.

HPV Vaccination Schedule:

Year 12 & 13 Girls

Vaccine Dose 1	Wednesday 11 March
Vaccine Dose 2	Wednesday 20 March
Vaccine Dose 3	Thursday 15 October

Year 8 Girls

Information Session	Tuesday 10 March
Vaccine Dose 1	Friday 3 April
Vaccine Dose 2	Thursday 4 June
Vaccine Dose 3	Friday 4 September

Year 9 STARS Camp

Preparations are well underway for the STARS Outdoor Education Camp from Monday 16th – 19th March. This involves 67 students and 7 staff members. Camp fees of \$80.00 remain outstanding for many students. Please pay this immediately or contact the principal or the Assistant Principal, Ms Langford, if there is a difficulty with payment.

Pasifika Education Plan

An information and discussion meeting led by Mr Ken Ta'ase from the Ministry of Education will be held in the Viard hall for Parents, students and Board members from Viard, Holy Family and St Pius X schools on **Monday 23 March from 6pm to 7pm**. Come along and support initiatives aimed at improving our pupils' learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews & Reports

Our first Parent / Teacher interviews for the year will be held on **Tuesday 7th April**, 3.30pm – 5.30pm and 6.30pm – 8pm. Progress Reports will be distributed to Parents on arrival at school.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Year 6 & 7 Athletic Sports Day

Can you Help ?

On **Tuesday 7th April** (postponement date Wednesday 8th April) our Year 7 students are hosting the Year 6 students from our local Catholic primary schools for an Athletics Sports Day. Students will participate in High Jump, Long Jump, Softball Throw, Sprints & Relays. The events will be organised by our senior Sports Studies' students. We have a sausage sizzle at lunchtime for all the students and would appreciate some parent help in serving this. If you are able to help between 11.30am – 1pm please contact Sharon Johnson, Principal's Secretary on 237-5248 ext 812. Parents are welcome to come along and watch their child participate in the day's activities 10am – 2pm.

ICAS

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

If you are interested in completing the ICAS Maths Quiz please give your name to your Maths teacher

by **Friday 13th March**

Open to all students Yrs 7-13

Cost \$7.50

Year 7 and 8 Library Trips

All of the Intermediate classes visited the Porirua Public Library and Pataka Museum earlier this year despite the bad weather. We made it there thanks to the help given by several parents and teachers who loaded up their vehicles in the rain to get us there. The purpose of the trips was to show our students what our community has to offer and to encourage them to read more books. But the students found that there is more than just books available at the library, you can also check out DVD's, use the computers and research local history. In addition, there is also an extensive Pasifika collection to be used. At Pataka the students were shown wearable art that is environmentally friendly and were given the opportunity to dye their own fabrics using the same green principles. They took a while to dry so the friendly staff at Pataka later delivered the finished products for the students to take home. Many students signed up for new library memberships on the day and we hope they continue to take advantage of what our local library has to offer. Special thanks go out to the library and Pataka staff, form teachers and to our librarian Yvonne Clinch for organising these trips.

Tara Langford (Assistant Principal Junior School)

Porirua Blue Light PCT Challenge

On Wednesday, eight year 7 students were chosen to represent Bishop Viard in competing in the Police Competency Test at the Royal New Zealand Police College. This was a fun and challenging day that began with the Police PT Officer showing the students the course and then each team had a go at getting the fastest time around. The course involved pushing a trailer, running, walking a balance beam, dragging a 70kg dummy, climbing a 10ft fence, going over and under hurdles and climbing through a window. First up was the boys' team consisting of Matthew Brooker, Roman Mallon, Dylan Patu and Paulo Lokeni. They supported each other well and made their way around in good time but looked very tired at the end. Then we had the mixed team consisting of Tarquinn Alatipi, Bryson Filipo, Shekinah To'omaga and Azaria-Lily Felagai and after watching the others go first they were able to avoid any pitfalls and made it around in record time. Unfortunately neither team made it into the finals but we all had a great day out and every student walked away with a certificate. We also enjoyed the sausage sizzle the Police Officers put on for us!

Tara Langford (Assistant Principal Junior School)

Year 10 Orientation

We Year 10's had an outing day on the 23rd February. When the day arrived everyone was prepared and excited. The sun was shining beautifully and that made our day blessed. We gathered in the chapel, set our rules, and started our march from the top field to Shelly Bay. We had three stops and morning tea and headed off to shore. We arrived and even though it had hardly any sand we just relaxed and tried to catch our breath back. Some of us chilled out on the beach while others went hiking up the sand hills. Half an hour later Jim arrived with our activities equipment and set up the BBQ. It was yum! We had rugby, touch, volley, Frisbees, and cricket. We had our lunch with some drinks and headed off to enjoy the rest of the day. Year 10 Orientation was a really fun day. We enjoyed time with our friends, got to know our new students and worked on our fitness.

Rosalote Tanoi (10CL)

Barbershop

New members are being recruited now. Rehearsal times for barbershop groups are:

Girls Chorus Notes Rehearsal: Wednesday lunchtimes

Boys Chorus Notes Rehearsal: Monday Lunchtimes

Both Chorus Practices: Monday 3.30pm – 5pm

Rehearsals for the respective Quartets will be notified as soon as Coaches have been finalised.

If your child cannot attend practice please ensure Mrs Jackson is notified in advance.



The Wizard of Oz (Musical) Junior School Production 22nd – 25th June

This year's production is "The Wizard of Oz" – adapted from L. Frank Baum's children's book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (written in 1899 and published in 1900) Gemma Lorenc, HOD Music &

Performing Arts will be the Producer. Auditions are currently being held for lead roles.

Sports

It would appear that summer may nearly be over but the summer sports' season with tennis, volleyball and golf is still in full swing. Attached to this newsletter is the Winter Sports Registration form. Please complete this form, attach payment and hand it into the office by **Friday 27th March. No registration for any code will be accepted without payment.** It should be noted that the following changes have been made between Clubs and College Sport with regards to the football code. Football Clubs will be catering for students up to and including the 14th grade. Students registering for 15th grade and above football will register through their College and College Sport. If you need help in trying to find a Club within your area for your child then I am happy to help and can be contacted on 237-5248 ext 766.

Dragon Boat Festival

For the first time in a number of years we are entering a team in the Secondary Schools' Dragon Boat Festival on Sunday 22nd March. Team members must have their fees paid by **Wednesday 11th March** for their entry to be processed otherwise the boat will be withdrawn.

Sports Coaches

Any parents interested in coaching or managing a Viard sports team please contact Setefano Mikaio on 237-5248 ext 766.

Setefano Mikaio (Sports Co-ordinator)

Community Notices

CHARITY PREVIEW OF STARLIGHT EXPRESS

"The Fastest Show on Earth"

JUNE 30TH at the TSB Arena, Wellington
Tickets available through Ticketek Ph: 3843842
\$50 each

Nominate Skylight as your charity and they will receive \$45 from each ticket sold

For further information email
Sonja@skylight-trust.org.nz

A Lenten Prayer

God our Saviour, bring us back to you.

By seeking your kingdom and loving one another,
may we become a people who worship you
in spirit and truth. Amen



I've learned...

To accomplish great things you must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.



Coming Events

March		
Mon 9 th		Yr 8 Girls' Self Defence
Tues 10 th	12.15pm	Yr 8 Girls' HPV Information Snr Pasifika/Career Fono Yr 12 History Trip
Wed 11 th	9am 9am	Regional Athletics Yr 7 Boostrix Vaccinations Yr 12/13 Girls' HPV Vaccinations
Thurs 12 th		Mufti Day (Caritas Lenten Appeal) Level 2 Biology Field Trip
12, 13 & 16 th		Yr 8 Girls' Self Defence
Fri 13 th		Cullinane Coll Cultural Exchange Yr 8 & 11 Student Reps Mtg
16 th – 19 th		STARS Camp
Tues 17 th	6pm	Sports Club Meeting Yr 7/8 Ripparrugby Tournament
Wed 18 th	6.30pm	Viard Shield (at Palmerston Nth) Pacific Parents Mtg – Cannons Creek Community Centre
Thurs 19 th	7.30pm	Yr 10/11 Learning Shop Expo Parents & Friends Mtg
Fri 20 th		Yr 9 Marae Trip
Sat 21 st		Creekfest
Sun 22 nd		Dragon Boat Festival
Mon 23 rd	6 – 7pm 7.30pm	Pasifika Plan Meeting BOT Mtg
23 rd – 27 th		INTERRUPTION FREE WEEK
Wed 25 th	11.50am	Assembly
Fri 27 th		Year 9 & 12 Student Reps Mtg
Sat 28 th		St John's Rugby Exchange
30 th – 3 rd Apr		Yr 12 Outdoor Education
April		
Fri 3 rd	9am	Yr 8 Girls HPV Vaccine – Dose 1 Yr 10/11 Career Service Expo Newsletter posted
4 th – 5 th		Athletics NI Championships
Tues 7 th	9am – 2pm 3.30 – 5.30 6.30 – 8pm	Yr 6/7 Sports Day Parent/Teacher Interviews/Reports distributed
Wed 8 th	11.50am	Assembly
Thurs 9 th	1.10pm	HOLY THURSDAY Classes End Term 1 Ends

5 March 2009

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