



June 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

Another display of Fine Harmony.....



Congratulations to our "One Voice" male chorus on winning the regional Barbershop Chorus competition. They now require our support to get them to Auckland to compete in the national competition in September. I am convinced they will represent us all with distinction in Auckland and I encourage everybody to get behind their fundraising efforts and support them in their performances. This year has been a rebuilding year for the chorus with three of the four members of last year's champion quartet, Pacific Flavours, leaving school. The assistance these boys, Chad, Daniel and Sonny, have given to the chorus has enabled the chorus to quickly rise to the highest standard again.

Acknowledging our Students

Congratulations

- * To the O'Shea Shield Team for representing the College with great pride. Special mention to: **Ebony Sushames** 2nd in Scripture Reading, **Justina Miti** 2nd in Oratory and **Brooke Leota, Anita Henderson, Joseph Faraimo, Zoe Yarrall and McKenzie Proffit** on being placed 3rd in the Drama. Well done!
- * To the **One Voice** male chorus on winning the Wellington Regional Barbershop Competition
- * To the boys' barbershop quartet, "**Teen Titans**" on being placed 3rd and the girls' barbershop chorus,

"**Pacific Belles**" on being placed 4th at the recent Wellington Regional Barbershop Competition.

- * To **Harmonic Four** and **Good Vibrations** on their excellent performances at the Wellington Regional Barbershop Competition.
- * To **Bronagh Ryan** on her three gold medals at the North Island Age Group swimming championships.
- * To **Kayla Salanoa, Agatha Brown-Fai, Paul Blackford, Keenau Betham and Corey Howard** who have received AFS scholarships to spend two weeks in Japan in December.
- * To former pupil **Carl Shann** on being nominated and reaching the finals of the Young Community Leaders 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

- * Congratulations to the following students on being awarded the Junior School Merit Award for Term 1 for displaying good work effort and achievement, uniform, manners, helpfulness and Catholic character in all areas.

7SJ	Rhiannon Brown
7AU	Azaria Felagai
7DG	Tanika Brown
7/8KW	Mihi Banks
8GT	Jessica Ludgate
8SF	Simon Blackford
9FI	Keanu Apanui
9FN	Salio Siaunua
9KM	Liam Brown

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Board of Trustees

The following updated policies were approved at the Board Meeting held on 4 May.

- Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
- Board Members' Training
- School-Based Health and Counselling Services
- Formal Complaints

Curriculum reports were received for the areas of Social Sciences, Art and Careers. The Annual Report 2008 and the Analysis of Variance were ratified. The school Charter 2009 with its annual strategic plan was ratified. Following some generous donations towards the Proprietor's building fund an application has been made to the Catholic Schools Board for assisted funding to enable the upgrade of several of our classrooms and the provision of an office for the HOD Social Sciences. We expect to hear the outcome of our application by the end of June.

The Board met again on 2 June. At this meeting the following updated policies were approved:

- Policy Development
- Health and Safety

The policy on Maori Achievement is currently under review. The Self Review on Catholic Character (Curriculum and Religious Education) was adopted. Recommendations from this review were:

1. Complete a parental consultation process on the delivery of the health curriculum before the end of term 3 2009.
2. Update the matrix for the delivery of the health curriculum and ensure all responsibilities are clearly understood by those involved.

Mr Leslie MacKay, currently Assistant Head of Maths at Kawerau College, has been appointed to the vacant Head of Maths position and will take this up from the start of term 3.

*Marian Blackford
Chairperson*

Life Skills - Plunket Course

All Year 13 students are doing a Plunket course on the care of babies and children. The six-week programme carries 2 NCEA credits at Level 2.



PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Enrolments 2010

Non-Preference enrolments close on the last day of this term. There are a very limited number of places available for non-preference enrolments and 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 3 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. If you are in any doubt about your child qualifying please be sure to get your enrolment completed and sent in **before 3 July** as there is already a high demand for places next year.

Teacher Only Day

There will be no classes on **Thursday, 11th June** as the teachers are required to attend a Jumbo Training Day in Lower Hutt on the new curriculum.

Founders Day

We will celebrate our Founders Day on **Monday 15th June**.

We will have Mass at 9.45am and a House Quiz Competition commencing at 1.15pm. Parents are most welcome to join us for both these events. You may assist your child's house by helping them answer their quiz questions in their form room. Parents are also invited to join staff, parish priests and the teachers from our local Catholic



primary schools for afternoon tea in the staff room at 3.05pm.

Yr 11 – 13 Parent Teacher Interviews & Reports

Our second round of Parent/Teacher interviews for Years 11 – 13 will be held on **Wednesday 1st July from 3.30pm – 5.15 and 6pm – 7.30pm**. Progress reports will be distributed to Parents on arrival at school.

Health Issues

Over the next few months there will be a lot of respiratory illnesses circulating including different strains of influenza. The Ministry of Health offer the following advice:

Limit the spread of illness:

- Keep sick children at home. They should not return to school until they have been better for 24 hours.
- Wash and dry hands well after sneezing, wiping or blowing the nose, going to the toilet and before eating and preparing food.
- Keep coughs and sneezes covered with a tissue.

Look after sick children:

- Keep them warm and give them frequent small drinks of clear fluid. (e.g. water or watered down juice)
- Give paracetamol (not aspirin) if irritable, miserable or in pain.
- Check them frequently

If the illness gets worse or you are concerned ring your GP immediately or call the free 24 hour Healthline service on 0800 611 116 and describe the symptoms and your concern.

The Ministry of Health are advising that they expect the "Swine Flu" virus to appear in New Zealand communities at some stage. They recommend that families of students who have travelled to countries with considerable spread of

the virus should keep them home for a week upon their return, even if they have no immediate symptoms. Should the virus appear in a school's community it is likely the school will need to be closed for a minimum of 7 days. Parents will need to consider what arrangements they may need to make for their children in these circumstances.

Physiotherapy

KCP physiotherapy will operate at the school on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm. It should make it easier for students to get treatment and allow them to do so without missing class. Appointments can be made by seeing Mrs Taylor in the First Aid room.

Personal Safety

With the onset of winter and the increase of student travel to and from sports practices and games your attention is drawn to issues of personal safety, especially when travelling after dark.

- Make sure you know the times and places of your child's practice and games etc.
- Do not allow them to travel alone, especially in the dark.
- Where possible accompany them to their games both to encourage them and for their safety and your peace of mind.
- If you feel uncertain about any arrangements please ring the school to confirm the details.
- Talk with your child about reporting to you and to the school any suspicious persons or events they may encounter.

NCEA Fees 2009 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?

Fees are to be paid to the school by the beginning of August. Do not pay NZQA directly. Please budget for this expense now. 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.

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 2009, no matter how much you earn and the total fees to pay are higher than \$200.
- Financial assistance can not be claimed for international fee paying students.

If you think you should get financial assistance you must complete the attached form. 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.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Elite Sporting Academy Scholarship

Elite Sporting Academy (Dubai) are offering fully funded scholarships valued from NZ\$70,000 per year for Pasifika children (13 years and above) to live and school in Dubai, and gain automatic entry in the Elite Sports Academy, from 1 October 2009. The aim of these scholarships is to produce well-rounded Pasifika individuals by exposing them to one of the best schools in the world and the best coaching in their chosen sport. Successful applicants will receive free private-school education and boarding at the highly distinguished Repton School (Dubai) and high quality coaching in rugby or soccer at the Elite Sporting Academy until the end of their schooling, with the view of a professional career in their chosen sport after graduation. Applications close 30th June 2009. For further information please see Ms Conal, Careers Advisor.



FORMAL

This year's formal for Year 12 & 13 students will be held at the James Cook Hotel on Saturday 22nd August at a cost of \$70 per person. All students who plan to attend must pay their \$20 deposit to the office by **Friday 26th June**. 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.

Australian Mathematics Competition

The examination for this year's competition will be held on **Thursday 6 August**. The entry fee is \$6 per person. Students wishing to enter should see their maths teacher and pay their entry fee to the office **by 20 June**.

PolyClub

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Taloha ni, Malo e lelei and Warm Pacific Greetings!

Our Senior Poly Club students have started practicing for the Catholic Pasifika Festival which will be held at the TSB Arena in August. We hope to take a Samoan, Tokelauan and Rarotongan Group performance to represent the college at this big event. There is one after school practice every Friday from 3.30pm – 5.30pm and two lunchtime practices during the week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students who have expressed interest in joining the group will have presented parents with a newsletter and a consent form which needs to be returned to the Poly Club co-ordinator. If you have any questions about the Poly Club or any of the cultural groups and if you would like to help out in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Le Bernadette Faifua a.k.a Bernie on

Work Phone: 2375248 ext 765

Cell Phone: 021844359

Email: faifuab@viard.school.nz

Longer Term Homestay Required

We require homestay accommodation for a female German student aged 15 years who will be joining us in July for 1 year. Her interests include music (harp and singing), card playing, sports, theology, skiing. It is preferable for the host family to provide a separate bedroom for the student. Host families will be paid an allowance to cover accommodation and meals.

If you would like more information about hosting this student **please contact Mrs Sharon Johnson, Homestay Co-ordinator on phone 237-5248 ext 812 or 027 4208877.**

Year 13 Classical Studies trip

Aim: To visit the Museum of City and Sea so students can learn more about the properties of pottery through a pottery exhibition and then doing pottery themselves. To visit the Classical Studies Museum at Victoria University to view ancient vases, focusing on the painting techniques.

The students learnt:

- How to make a pinch pot and which tools we use to make it
- Different types of ways to make pots
- That a votive is dedicated to the gods
- How to make pots (simple ones) and which were the easiest to make
- A lot about the ancient artefacts
- Which tools are used to gather clay
- Whereabouts in New Zealand you can find clay
- About more non-figurative decorations
- How much the ancient vases are worth now

The students enjoyed:

- Making the pinch pots
- Touching the 4000-year old figurine
- Seeing the ancient vases in real life
- Running in the rain
- Catching the cable car
- Learning about the more modern pottery too
- Going to the museums

Careers Trip – Airline Careers

A number of our students are interested in a career that will give them a chance to travel. A career in the travel industry is not the only way to do this – getting qualified as a nurse, teacher, in a trade or in computing are some of them many jobs that can take overseas on a higher salary. you



However, I took advantage of the STAR taster courses offered at Travel, Careers and Training and accompanied two groups of ten students each to Airport and Flight Attendant courses on 28 and 30 April. Each course was taught by a former or currently-employed flight attendant. This was very helpful as the two tutors had first-hand knowledge of requirements for a range of airline careers. The students were given thorough guidance in what should go in to their CVs and how they should prepare and present themselves for an interview. The airport group learnt about all the careers from baggage handler to pilot and finished their day with a trip to the airport, where they had a questionnaire to

complete. The flight attendant group had an opportunity to announce a flight departure and give safety information, to attend to passengers requiring a wheelchair, to manoeuvre the drinks trolley and to open an escape door in case of emergency. They were given detailed information about how to meet the requirements for becoming a long-haul flight attendant, which include knowing another language and lifting 20kg.

*Marg Conal
Careers Advisor*



Level 2 Classical Studies students enjoyed spending the day learning about the Classical inspired buildings right across Wellington city on Tuesday the 2nd of June.

The Year 7&8 students of
Bishop Viard College
proudly present



7pm Thursday 25 June
Admission:
\$10 Adult, \$5 Student/Child
\$25 Family

(2 Adults & up to 3 children)

DOOR SALES ONLY

**PLEASE PAY
OVERDUE FEES
BY 11TH JUNE**

Sports

There are still a few students who need to pay their registration fees for their sport. Please ensure these fees are paid by **Thursday 11th June** or the student concerned will

be stood down from their game. If you are unable to pay this account by the due date please contact the Sports Co-ordinator, Setefano Mikaio on 237-5248 ext 766.

As the winter sports season is well underway it is timely that we remind all players, supporters and parents of the sports codes of behaviour.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

This code does not set out to provide a detailed prescription, but rather the broad principles of acceptable behaviour in

PLAYERS CODE:

- Play to the best of your ability, but within the rules of the game.
- Recognise & respect the abilities & disabilities of others - both team mates & opponents
- Accept the officials' decision without gesture or argument.
- Represent your school with pride and privilege.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Support the coaches and their requests of you.
- Thank the coach, officials, opponents and supporters.

SUPPORTERS CODE:

- Encourage all participants to play within the rules of the game.
- Display self-control on the sideline.
- Show appreciation to coaches and officials who facilitate the game.
- Remember young people play sport for their satisfaction not yours.

PARENTS CODE:

- Positively encourage and support the efforts of all players.
- Make an effort to understand the rules of the game.
- Refrain from any criticism or abuse directed at officials.
- Put an emphasis on genuine effort ahead of victory and encourage players to accept the outcomes of all games, irrespective of the result.
- Recognise good play by either team and never ridicule an individual player in either team.
- Ensure the use of any form of violence is actively discouraged.



Short Term Homestays
Nishio High School Visit to Viard
29th July – 5th August 2009

Bishop Viard College will once again be hosting 10 students and 1 teacher, from Nishio High School from 29th July – 5th August 2009 on behalf of the Porirua City Sister City Exchange Programme.

If you would like more information about hosting a Japanese student or are willing to host a student for seven days **please contact Mrs Sharon Johnson, Homestay Co-ordinator on phone 237-5248 ext 812 or 027 4208877.**

Host families will be paid an allowance which covers accommodation and meals (3 meals per day) for these students.

Careers

- Years 10 and 12 are at present completing their career planners, which help them focus on their interests and skills, and how they may be able to channel these into careers in the future. All key information will be recorded on our students' files for reference later and to assist deans with subject choice advice.

- Year 13 students have been given information to help them with producing a CV. A number of the leaving students do not have a CV at present. It would be helpful if parents could assist them with details that are known only to the family – for example, babysitting, lawnmowing, housework, family cooking and voluntary tasks at church are usually acceptable as Work History.
- The Johnsonville Youth Grants Trust is offering grants up to \$5000 to assist young people in the Tawa – Johnsonville area aged 13 – 23 to help them achieve their goals. Ms Conal has information or visit www.jvilleyouthgrants.co.nz or phone Daphne Chin 9394498.
- Waikato University is again offering Sir Edmund Hillary scholarships for outstanding all-rounders (academic, sport, arts) for 2010. See Ms Conal or email nclayden@waikato.ac.nz
- Students who applied for the Army Challenge during the July holidays should be hearing from the army through their home mail over the next week or so. Please note that those who have been accepted will be transported, fed and accommodated by the army for that course.
- There is an Open Day at Weltec on Wednesday 10 June 3 - 7 p.m.
- Bachelor of Chiropractor - Ms Conal has information about this degree, or, visit www.nzchiro.co.nz

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

iCAN

Our senior students are joining with other schools in the region to support the iCAN appeal and world record attempt.

- cans of food are being collected in schools, work places and other public areas. During this time, iCAN and On the Edge will also be accepting donations from businesses who are willing to support the appeal.
- On Friday 26th June, cans will be collected from around the city and brought to Civic Square by trucks. From Friday through till Saturday night, a bigger than life iCAN logo will be created completely out of cans, covering the whole of Civic Square. On the Sunday, cans will be distributed out to the SPCA, City Mission and the Salvation Army for distribution through their food banks.

Who will iCAN benefit?

- iCAN benefits the SPCA, City Mission and the Salvation Army.
- iCAN helps people all around Wellington region by donating food to them.
- iCAN represents youth leaders who are willing to contribute to the community.

The idea came from the school leaders of the region at their "On the Edge" leadership conference held earlier in the year.

Collections at Viard will take place on:

- 1. Founders' Day, June 15 – donate a can**
- 2. Mufti Day, June 26 – donate can or the usual gold coin donation.**

**Food & Trade Fair
16th October**

Bishop Viard College will for the first time in a number of years hold a Food & Trade Fair on Friday, 16th October to celebrate the skills and creativity of our students. In addition there will be food stalls, art & crafts, quality used books. If you would like to be involved in the organising of this fantastic event or have any stall suggestions please contact Rebecca Howe on 237-5248.



I've learned...

Better is one idea with action than ten ideas with idleness.

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

**Student travel to Melbourne Fundraiser
Transformers 2**

Sunday 28th June, 7pm
Reading Cinema, Porirua

Tickets \$15

No door sales will be available

Tickets available from
the School Office

For further information contact Fiona Crawford or
SallyMay Lindsay at BVC

Community Notices

Prayer

Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
Treasury of all good and giver of life,
Come and dwell within us.
Center us in your love
that we may work for justice.
Lift the weariness of this life so
that we may rise and dance,
dance again to your great song of life.
Lord of Life and Love,
Fill us with your life-giving breath,
so that we may feel
the fire of your Spirit deep inside our chests.
Fill our voices with your heavenly song;
Let your beauty shine forth.
See your people gather in prayer,
open to receive the Spirit's flame.
May it come to rest in our hearts and disperse the
divisions of word and tongue.
With one voice and one song may we praise your name
in joy and thanksgiving.

Coming Events

June		
Tues 9 th		Yr 9 Parliament Trip
Thurs 11 th		TEACHER ONLY DAY
Fri 12 th		End Semester 1
Mon 15 th	9.45am	Founders Day Celebrations
	1.15pm	School Mass
		Founders Day House Quiz
Wed 17 th	11.50am	Assembly
Thurs 18 th		Pacific Parents Mtg
	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Mtg
Mon 22 nd	9.30am	Production Dress Rehearsal
Tues 23 rd	9.30am	Production Matinee Performance
Wed 24 th	9.30am	Production Matinee Performance
Thurs 25 th	7pm	Production
Fri 26 th		Mufti Day (ICAN collection) Year 12 Classics Trip Yr 11 Art Field Trip
Mon 29 th	7pm	BOT Meeting
July		
Wed 1 st	11.50am	Assembly
	3.30-5.15pm	Parent Teacher Ints Yr 11-13 /
	6pm-7.30pm	Snr Reports Distributed
Thurs 2 nd	9am	HPV Vaccine Catchup Session
3 rd July		Non Preference Enrolments close Newsletter Posted Term 2 Ends
	3.05pm	
20 th July	8.40am	Term 3 Beginnings
	2.05pm	Classes End; Staff Development
Wed 22 nd		Year Level Assemblies
Thurs 23 rd		Pacific Parents Mtg
	7.30pm	Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 24 th		Trophy & Cup Return
Mon 27 th	7pm	BOT Meeting
27 th - 31 st		STARS Survey
29 th - 5 th Aug		Nishio Japanese Visit
August		
Tues 4 th		Yr 7-10 Parent Teacher Ints
Wed 5 th	11.50am	Assembly
Thurs 6 th	9 - 3pm	STARS Community Project
Fri 7 th	7-9.30pm	Yr 7 & 8 Social Snr Course Booklet & Newsletter Posted

4 June 2009

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Healthy Tips from the Fuelled Team

Serving healthy food to your family is challenging, especially when you are on a budget. We are out to give you some great tips and ideas to help eat healthier and do it cheap!



1. Being organised is the key to cooking good food on a low budget, plan the evening meals for the next week and check the ingredients you need.
2. Include older children in menu planning, perhaps giving them one night a week where they choose the meal and prepare it.

Recipe for this week

Dinner: Meal in a Dish

- ◆ 2 tablespoons oil
- ◆ 400g lean mince
- ◆ 2 cups chopped vegetables, e.g. onion, celery, carrot, mushrooms, frozen vegetables, pumpkin
- ◆ ½ teaspoon mixed herbs
- ◆ ¼ cup tomato paste
- ◆ 1½ cups water
- ◆ 2 medium potatoes (sliced)

1. Heat the oil in a saucepan. Brown the mince, stirring to break up, add the chopped onions.
2. Add the tomato paste, herbs, water and vegetables. Pour into an oven dish.
3. Peel and slice the potatoes and cover over the meat.
4. Bake for 45 minutes or until potatoes on top are soft and brown.

