



August 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

MALAGA – A TRIUMPH OF COOPERATION



Gretta Dette and Brooke Leota were two of a strong contingent of soloists and chorus members (insert shows Fala Tuala-Milo and AJ Tuveve) from Viard in this week's production of Malaga at Te Rauparaha Arena. The production brought together students from Aotea, Porirua and Bishop Viard Colleges. Under the direction of Ingelese Ete and Trey Salanoa students had been training since Term 1 to bring this amazing celebration of Pacific culture to the stage. With a standard of performance that rose to international status the talent of Porirua was evident to all. What a wonderful opportunity this was for our students to strive for and achieve excellence.



This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bishop Viard, the first Bishop of Wellington, after whom our college is named. Archbishop John Dew took two of our students to Lyon in France, the birthplace of Bishop Viard, in January to mark the occasion. He is also planning celebrations for the diocese in October to coincide with the date of the anniversary. As part of these celebrations there will be a special Mass celebrated here at school on Sunday October 11 at 5.15pm. Plan now to join us for a very special celebration of thanksgiving, faith, mission, education and culture for our community.

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 **Tamara Wetere** on being selected for the National Secondary Schools Brass Band.
- * To **Ferilla To'omaga** on receiving an all expenses paid scholarship to the Wanganui Glass School in the September holidays to develop her artistic skills in the medium of glass.
- * To **Gabrielle Godinet** for representing Bishop Viard College with pride at the recent Samoan Independence Day speech competition.
- * To **Bianca Livingston** for being selected to play for the Porirua Area Under 13 Girls' Basketball Rep Team.
- * To **Te Raunatanga Williams-Edwards** and **Taylor Campbell** on being selected to play for the Porirua Area Under 15 Girls' Basketball Rep Team.
- * To **Raylene-Rose Tiatia** 7AU, **Sean Woodnutt** 7DG, **Rhiannon Brown** 7SJ, **Dalton McAndrew** 7/8KW, **Payton Mikara** 8GT, **Simon Blackford** 8SF, **Sosetaeao Ili** 9FI, **Isayah O'Neill** 9FN and **Hana Paranihi** 9KM on being awarded the Junior School Merit Badge for Term 2.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Board of Trustees

The BOT met on July 27. The BOT is currently reviewing Teaching and Learning Programmes and Property. We welcome any comments from parents on these. We received an update of progress on implementing the new curriculum.

Along with representatives from 90% of New Zealand Catholic schools, BOT members, staff and students attended the Catholic Education convention in Wellington last week. Such a gathering was a reminder that at Bishop Viard we are part of a much bigger community as we educate our students in an environment rooted explicitly in the gospel values of Jesus Christ. While we plan and work towards higher levels of academic achievement, we also value and work towards our students entering the world capable of contributing to making society more just and compassionate. These qualities are so desperately required in our world. I frequently receive feedback from those who have come in contact with our students both past and present who have identified these as strengths in them, and it is important that we continue to nurture these key aspects of Catholic character, and value the importance of Catholic education for our students.

The Board is aware that many parents make significant financial sacrifices to ensure that Catholic education is available to children. Particularly in these difficult economic times we ask that you approach the Principal or Board representative for assistance with fees when financial circumstances change. We want to ensure that school fees do not become a barrier to your child continuing their education within the Catholic education system ... please ask for assistance. Board Dues committee representatives are:

Plimmerton Parish Area: Mr Jeff Larsen
Porirua Parish Area: Mrs Theresa Peteli
Tawa Parish Area: Mrs Marian Blackford
Te Ngakau Tapu Parish: Mr Matthew White
Titahi Bay Parish Area: Mr Matthew White
Marian Blackford (Chairperson)

Staffing

We extend our sympathy to Mr Marek Wolbinski whose father died in Poland at the end of last term.

Welcome to Mr Leslie MacKay (HOD Mathematics) and Ms Catriana Mulholland (Year 7 teacher) who have joined us this term.

Congratulations to Mrs Diana Kelly & Mr Hedley Aitken on completing their Masters in Educational Leadership and to Mrs Lynette Shearer on completing her Teacher Aide Certificate.

International Students

We extend a warm welcome to our new international students Anika Strake and Agnes Gruenewald from Germany and Carol Deberaldini from Brazil. We hope they have an enjoyable experience while in New Zealand.



E mail

It is possible to send copies of reports and other official notifications to you by email if we have your email address in our database. For this purpose we ask that you send an email with your children's names to office@viard.school.nz.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Teacher Only Day

There will be no classes on **Monday 24th August** as our teachers are required to attend training on the new curriculum for the second of the days allocated by the Minister of Education this year.

Early Finish

Class will finish early on **Friday 21st August** to allow for the Paid Union Meeting in accordance with the PPTA contract agreement. Classes will finish at 12.10pm.

Bunnings Porirua

Management of Bunnings Porirua have notified us of potential danger for students walking to school from the Titahi Bay, Elsdon areas. They request that students DO NOT enter the Bunnings property and driveways before school as there is a high risk of them being hit by transport trucks.

Enrolments 2010

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 2010.

Year 7 & 8 Social

The Year 7 & 8 Social will be held on **Friday 14th August, 7pm – 9.30 pm** and the theme for the evening is “Fluro”. Cost is \$5.00. Food and drink will be sold on the night. Year 13 students will be selling tickets during form time. **Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday 12th August.** No door sales will be available on the night. Students will NOT be permitted to leave the venue and will be supervised by Year 13 students and staff. **Parents are to ensure all students are collected at 9.30pm.** Permission slips were sent home with your child last week. Please ensure these are returned to the form teacher as soon as possible.

NCEA Fees 2009 Fees for Domestic Candidates

**DUE FRIDAY
AUGUST 14**

Invoices are being posted with this newsletter. If you have paid this account in the last week, thank you no further action is required. 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 **14th August**. (Invoice is attached to this newsletter). Do not pay NZQA directly. 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.

Financial Assistance forms are available from the school office or from the NZQA website, www.nzqa.govt.nz

Selecting courses for 2010

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 2010 now and I would encourage you to come to the Course Selection & Careers Evening on Tuesday 25th August, 7 – 8.30pm with planning for 2010 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 2010 can help students to be even more focussed in their studies this year. Parents and students found this evening highly beneficial last year and we look forward

to a similar response this year. Exhibitors registered to attend are: Whitireia Polytech, Weltec, Victoria University, Massey University, Otago University, NZ Army, Air Force, Navy, Travel Careers and Training, Professional Bar and Restaurant School. We are still awaiting confirmation from the NZ Police, Te Wananga O Aotearoa and Sir George Seymour (travel and tourism school)

Sports & Cultural Photos

Sports & Cultural Photos will be taken on **Wednesday 19th 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.

Sacramental Programme

Seven candidates for the reception of the Sacraments meet regularly in preparation for **Wednesday 16th September** when some will enter the Church and others will become full members of the church. Please pray for Hatali Edwards, Pariss Patelesio, Shayle Marino-Hamilton, Lisa Biiri, Liam Brown, Tarquinn Alatipi and Gabriel Godinet.

PE Uniform

At the beginning of this year we saw the introduction of our new PE uniform for all new enrolments with the black shorts & white tee shirt being phased out. The PE uniform is compulsory for all students in Years 7- 11. The majority of students wear their PE correctly however a growing number of students are either failing to bring their uniform or wear it incorrectly. 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. For hygiene reasons it is important that students change into PE uniform and not participate in regular school uniform.

Canteen

Over the last few months we have been reviewing our canteen prices due to extra costs being charged to the college by our suppliers and staff costs. Below is a list of the new prices for your convenience:

Pump Water	Large \$2.50; Small \$1.50		
Keri Juice	\$2.20	Ice Blocks	\$1.20
E2	\$2.50	Chocbar/JellyTip	\$1.80
Calcijum	\$1.40	Pizza	\$2.00
Juicies	\$1.20	Toasties	\$2.00
Sandwiches	\$2.00	Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Hot Food	\$3.00	Berry Cup	\$1.50
Apple Stick	\$1.60	Cookies	\$0.80

CURRICULUM

Organic Garden Greenhouse

As part of a Technology Department initiative our Year 9 – 11 students will be building a greenhouse out of 1.5 litre plastic bottles which will be used for growing produce for use by the Food Technology & Biology Departments. Your assistance in collecting clear 1.5 litre plastic bottles (ideally the budget brand) would be appreciated, as approximately 1500 bottles are required. For further information or for the delivery of bottles please contact Ryszard Balejko or Rebecca Howe.

Religious Education Term 3

Key aspects of our programme this term include:

Year 7 are looking at how they can make the world a better place.

Year 8 have displayed in beautiful poster form the fact that together we are the Church.

Year 9 are focussing this term on the signs and symbols of God and Church. They are completing a unit on the structure of the Mass which we hope will extend their understanding of this celebration.

Year 10 are learning about the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. This will also be the theme of a reflection morning held later in the term.

Year 11 students have completed one of the Achievement Standards on 'Conscience, Morality and Values' or 'Understanding the Gospel Story'. This is the first year Achievement Standards for Religion have been introduced into the curriculum. 12 credits can be achieved at Level 1.

Year 12 students continue with their units on 'Religions of the World', 'Justice', or 'Christian Morality'. Each of the 3 Achievement Standards is worth 6 credits at Level 2.

Year 13 students are learning about Mary, the mother of God and also discussing ethical issues.

Mass

Every Wednesday morning Mass is celebrated in the school chapel at 8am. This is wonderful way to start the day. All students, staff and parents are invited to come along.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



FORMAL

As previously advised this year's formal for Year 12 & 13 students will be held at the James Cook Hotel on Saturday 22nd August. The remaining \$50 including payment for partners must be paid to the office by **Friday 14th August**. 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.

Catholic Schools Polyfest (Pacificaly Wellington)

Our Samoan & Rarotongan groups will be performing at the Catholic Schools Polyfest on Wednesday 12th August, 6.30pm at the TSB Arena. Tickets cost \$10 per person or \$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children) and are available from the school office. Only 20 family passes have been allocated to Bishop Viard College and these will be sold on a first in first served bases. Children under 5 years old will be allowed free entry however they cannot occupy a seat. No door sales will be available. Cameras are permitted but no video equipment please.

Northern Regional Polyfest

The Samoan & Rarotongan groups will also be performing at the Northern Region Polynesian Festival on **Monday 17th August**. The festival will be held at the Te Rauparaha Arena. Local secondary schools in the Porirua basin will also be performing. Tickets cost \$5.00 and are available from the Te Rauparaha Arena. Please be aware that only performers will be allowed to go to the Polyfest and all other students must attend school.

A Night at the Arena

The Titahi Bay Schools have planned an evening of celebration of the talents of all our students. This is to be held at the Te Rauparaha Arena from 6 – 8pm on Thursday 27th August. Entry is by gold coin donation. Come along and join us in this celebration and support the performances of your children.



Intermediate Environmental Committee Tree Planting

A group of enthusiastic students who were inspired after visiting Trash Palace got together to plant some trees down at Kenepuru stream. The tree planting down there has been going on for a few years now by Bishop Viard College Intermediate students and its great to see the area looking so green and weed free. It took a whole afternoon to plant the trees and we learnt a lot about how to make sure the plants will thrive. A big thank-you goes out to the Porirua City Council for donating the trees and to Sandie Savage from Partners Porirua and John Poppleton from the Keep Porirua Beautiful project for organising everything for us. We are enjoying learning about the environment and we are continuing to develop new projects throughout the year.

*Tara Langford
Assistant Principal, Junior School*

Sports

Chanel College Exchange

Bishop Viard College is hosting the exchange this year. The exchange will take place on **Tuesday 11th August**. Games start at 10.30am. The following teams will be participating Football Div 5, Snr Girls Hockey, Collegiate 3 & 5 Netball and Rugby 2nd XV. Further details will be provided to team members. **All participating students are asked to bring a plate to help cater for our visitors' afternoon tea.** Donations of food from other parents would also be very welcome.

Winter Sports Dinner

The Winter Sports dinner will be held on **Friday 11th September** from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Note your diary. More details to follow.

Sports Draws & Results

Are you aware that you can now access our weekly sports draws and results on the Bishop Viard College website. Information is updated by Wednesday of each week. For further information contact the Sports Co-ordinator, Setefano Mikaio phone 237-5248 ext 766.

Setefano Mikaio (Sports Co-ordinator)

Careers

- Year 13 students and parents are encouraged to closely monitor achievement between now and November to ensure that entry requirements are being met if University study is being planned for next year. Please discuss with your Form Teacher.
- Monday, August 10 will be the second visit of Victoria University liaison. This is an important visit because assistance will be given with course plannings, BUT ALSO Cathy Powley will be coming from the university to talk to students about scholarships at lunchtime immediately following the Life Skills class in period 4. Parents are welcome to attend either session.
- Massey and Victoria University Open days will be held on 28 August. There will be a letter home about this shortly.
- Ms Conal has information about Auckland University scholarships, including Maori and Pacific scholarships, or visit www.auckland.ac.nz
- Coca Cola Expo will be held this year from Sunday 16 to Tuesday 18 August. Letters will be sent home shortly. For the best advantage, students are encouraged to attend with parents on the Sunday evening. If this is not possible students will be permitted, with parental permission, to attend during the school day on Tuesday.
- The Careers Service website at www.careers.govt.nz now has an online CV builder. A number of our senior students do not have CVs; they have also been directed to our Viard Electronic Classroom pages where a number of CV styles are stored under the Careers Dept tab – students need to choose a style, open it, Select All, Copy, then Paste into their own new Word document before creating their own CV.
- Ms Conal is starting to receive information from universities about accommodation. She has Victoria and Canterbury so far – this information can also be obtained from the university websites. Closing dates are in October for the universities so it is important to get onto these promptly.
- Ms Conal has information about Everest Treks for secondary students in 2010. Visit www.everesttreks.co.nz or phone 0274353637 (John Gully).
- Up to 50 students from Year 10 visited Whitireia on Tuesday, August 4 for a variety of career-based activities that will assist them with choosing subjects for next year.
- Ten students from the junior secondary school attended a Careers So'o on Thursday, August 6 from 9.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.
- WELTEC is offering a number of scholarships again this year. They are for students interested in creative technologies, hospitality management, software engineering, information technology, engineering, construction management, quantity surveying, architectural technology and business. Ms Conal can email you the full range if interested or send you a print-out – phone her at 2375248 Ext 825.

- There will be a lecture on Careers in Chiropractic on Thursday August 13. This will be held at Back to Living Chiropractic, 85 The Terrace, Wellington. Please RSVP to jo.brown@nzchiro.co.nz or phone 09 526 6789/499 7755.
- Law - a scholarship is available for someone who is definitely planning to study Law next year. Ph Jan Blair 09 3678007 or contact jan.blair@russellmcveagh.com
- Outward Bound - a Year 12 leaders' programme will again be held next year. Course dates are Monday 4th - Sunday 24th January 2010. The cost is \$3600 - this covers all accommodation, gear, food and instruction at Outward Bound in Anakiwa. Ph 0800 OUTWARD (688927) or visit www.outwardbound.co.nz/schoolleaders
- Travel and Tourism Careers - the Sir George Seymour National College of Airline, Travel and Tourism is holding an open day on Friday August 28 (same day as Victoria and Massey universities) from 1 - 3 p.m AND ALSO on Saturday 12th September 10 a.m. - noon and Thursday 24 September 1 - 3 p.m. Location - Level 7, 73-89 Boulcott St, Wellington (this is close to Manners Mall).



I've learned...

The more persistent we are, the more successful we become.

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

A Parent's Prayer

They're only young once.

Grant me the wisdom to guide them down the path that their feet should take.

For I know that they can never turn back and walk those paths with me again.

Give me the wisdom to guide their feet so that someday they'll be able to walk alone.

They're only young once.

Give me the time I need to enjoy them.

For I know that after they're grown, I'll never have another chance

to tell stories and play those games.

I'll never have another chance

to watch them in a school play or sing in church, or to see them score that goal or try.

Give me the time in life's busy schedule

to have fun with my children.

They're only young once.

Let me be a loving parent.

Let me correct and not just punish, explain and not merely scold.

Let me know when to correct, and when to laugh,

How to correct and how to support.

They're only young once.

Let me be a good teacher and an even better example.

Give me the right words and deeds to teach them.

Help me to teach them about You and how to walk in Your ways

so that your truth may light their way.

Let me do my best for them while I have the chance.

Amen

Coming Events

August		
Mon 10 th		Yr 12 Careers interviews
Tue 11 th	10.30am	Yr 12 Careers interviews Chanel sports exchange (at BVC)
Wed 12 th	6.30pm	Catholic Schools Polyfest (TSB Arena) Yr 8 & 11 Rep Meeting Yr 10 – 13 Assemblies
Fri 14 th	9.45am 7 – 9.30pm	School Mass (Assumption) Yr 12/13 Top Folio Art Trip Yr 7 & 8 Social
Mon 17 th		Careers Expo Northern Schools Polyfest (Te Rauparaha Arena)
Tue 18 th		Careers Expo
Wed 19 th		Sports and Cultural Photos
Thu 20 th		Cullinane sports exchange (Wanganui) Pacific Parents Meeting Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 21 st	12.10pm	Classes end – Contract Union Mtg
Sat 22 nd		Senior Formal
Mon 24 th		Teacher Only Day
Tues 25 th		Yr 7/8 Girls Rugby Tournament Yr 9 Parliament Trip

	7 – 8.30pm	Course Selection & Career Evening
Wed 26 th		Yr 7 & 8 Assembly Yr 9 & 12 Rep Meetings
Thurs 27 th	6 – 8pm	10CL Science Trip A night at the Arena
Fri 28 th		STARS Community Challenge Massey & VUW Open Days
Sept		
Wed 2 nd		Year 6 Technology Visit Assembly
Fri 4 th		Yr 8 HPV Vaccination – Dose 3 Newsletter posted
Mon 7 th	7pm	Propective Board of Trustee Members Meeting in Library

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Fundraising Opportunities



FOR SALE
Green Firewood
(Suitable for burning winter 2010)
Cost \$150 per 6x 4 trailer load
To place your order contact
Kevin Schwalger - ph 027 4075387

All Proceeds from the sale of the firewood will be donated to the groups attending the National Barbershop Competition in Auckland

FOR SALE

Music CD: "Secret Message"
Artist Esther Melody former student
Cost \$25

Orders can be placed at the school office
Proceeds to Bishop Viard College

Community Notices

Host an AFS Exchange Student

AFS are looking for voluntary host-families for students. The students are here for a year. However, being a first family for any where upwards of six weeks/two months is fine. As a returning student reminded the Viard students who are going to Japan with AFS later this year, "a supportive family and a bed are what is required, not five star accommodation". Lots of local support and training is given. If you can help or want to learn more about AFS hosting, please phone 0800 600 300 or visit the hosting section of their website <http://afs.org.nz>

Challenge 2000
ODYSSEY IS BACK!!!
And it's better than ever!



Years 9-12

WE WANT YOU!

Bored on Sunday Nights? Come along to our world famous in Wellington- Odyssey Programme
6.30-8.30pm - Starting Sunday 16th August at Ss Peter and Paul's Church Hall in Johnsonville.
There will be ten weeks of fun and adventure with a whole bunch of young people your age! Including a camp and the infamous Cops and Robbers!!! The programme will cost \$40 (This can be negotiated)

Year 13 and over

WE WANT YOU TOO!

If you are interested in being part of the leadership team and can make an 11 week commitment then contact us. Leaders will do an overnight retreat in Johnsonville on the weekend of 8-9th August.
If you know anyone who would be interested let them know too!!! For more info or to sign up- please call or email: Steph Penny or Hadley Middleton 04 477 0045, stephpenny@challenge2000.org.nz
www.Challenge2000.org.nz