



September 09

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

Relationships

On Thursday 27 August our Barbershop Girls Chorus, Pacific Belles, shared the stage at Te Rauparaha Arena with a group of senior musicians from Mana College. This "Night at the Arena" event celebrated the talents and cooperation of the local schools in the Titahi Bay area. From new entrants to year 13 the students delighted their parents and families as they entertained us and supported each other in their celebration. Ten days later this photo was taken at the Mungavin courts during a hotly contested game of netball between Viard and Mana colleges which was played in a spirit of excellent sportsmanship (I'm sorry for the language but "sportswomanship" doesn't sound right either!). In between we have had the unfortunate nightmare of last Wednesday's events which erupted so quickly from a petty dispute between individuals into a situation that had the potential for tragedy. As we work through the aftermath it is salutary to reflect on the excellent cooperation that is the hallmark of our Porirua schools. Last month's newsletter highlighted the wonderful experience of Malaga and this last weekend has seen parents and pupils from Aotea and Bishop Viard Colleges supporting each other in their fundraising concerts as they prepare to compete against each other in the National Secondary Schools Barbershop championships in Auckland in two week's time.



Many people may have their own theories, either informed or uninformed, about last Wednesday's events. In my mind there is only one important discussion that we must all engage in. That is how to build even stronger relationships between our schools and our pupils so that our mutual respect and friendship will prevent any repeat of such a situation or the circumstances that led to it. All our discussions, in school, in the family, at work and in our social engagements should have this in mind. Each one of us will always be much stronger in what we can do together in cooperation than in what we can do in antagonistic opposition. Without each other we are less rich for we have lost richness that comes from our diversity.

In terms of our own traditions at Viard, our vision has been based upon the spirituality of the Assumptionist Fathers and the Brigidine Sisters. The motto of the Assumptionist Fathers is "Thy Kingdom Come" and that of the Brigidine Sisters is "Strength and Gentleness". The Kingdom of God that Jesus preached, and which we are called to bring about, is a community of "right relationships". These are relationships based on peace, justice and forgiveness. To do that we will need to be truly strong with the strength that comes from compassion and gentleness rather than the strength that seeks power and domination.

Acknowledging our Students

Congratulations

- * To **Rosalote & Tulipaolo Tanoi** on winning the Regional Samoan Speech Competition in their respective age groups. We wish them well for the National competition in Lower Hutt this week.

- * To **McKenzie Proffit, Emmanuel Mururi, Joseph Faraimo and Shaw Reh Nga** on winning the Regional Badminton Competition.
- * To **Christine Philipo** on winning the Junior Secondary section of the St Luke's Religious Art Competition.
- * To former student **Jessica Furfie** on being awarded the Distinction & Diligence Award for her City & Gould Diploma of Culinary Arts.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From the Board of Trustees

The BOT met on 24th August and considered the marketing of the school. We thank our current student trustee Brooke Leota who has served two terms on the BOT. An information session last week for students interested in seeking election to this position was well attended. The BOT is currently reviewing Teaching and Learning. We are also beginning a Property self review and would welcome parents' feedback. A survey that will take less than five minutes to complete is available online. The link to this is to be found through the current notices section on the college website at <http://www.viard.school.nz/notices.html>. The password is "property". If you would prefer a hard copy of the survey please contact botchair@viard.school.nz. Parent/community representatives interested in the work of the BOT are invited to attend an information evening on 22 September 7pm in the library.

Marian Blackford (Chairperson)

Staffing

We say farewell to Ms Marlene Jackson as she transfers to Porirua College to the challenges of setting up a Science Department in the new Porirua College. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the Barbershop and students over the last 1½ years.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Revision Classes

Art After school by arrangement and during the school holidays as follows: Wed 30 Sept, Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd Oct 9am-4pm
Biology Tues 8th September 3 – 4pm
Mon 14th Sept 3 – 4pm
History Yr 13 Mon P5, Tues, P3 – exam week
Weds after school 2-4pm, Thurs P3, Fri P4
Maths Yrs 11, 12 & 13 Thursdays after school A7/A9

Formal Photos

The formal photos can be viewed either online www.fineprint.net.nz or at the College from Friday 11 September. Orders can either be placed directly with Fineprint Photography or through the school office. Any queries please email info@fineprint.net.nz or phone 04 9073437.

Thanks

We wish to acknowledge the generous donations of the Mana Community Grants Foundation of \$8,000 for sporting equipment, portable display board, wireless sound system for the hall, zip & microwave for Year 13 student use, table tennis table and library books and \$5,000 to assist the Barbershop Choruses to the National Barbershop Competition.

Thank you to all those parents and friends who have supported the Barbershop Choruses in the fundraising endeavours to get to Nationals in Auckland. Special thanks to the following organizations:



Mana Community Grants Foundations
Lions Club of Titahi Bay
Pacific Island Forum
Vodafone
Music Works

Mass of Remembrance

Our annual Mass of remembrance will be celebrated in the College Chapel at 7pm on Tuesday 10 November. You are invited to join us in praying for deceased students, staff and benefactors of the college.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

NCEA Fees

NCEA fees should have been paid to the school office. If you have not paid your fees but still wish your child to be credited with any internal or external standards please contact the school office URGENTLY.

Year 7 Vision Screening

The Public Health Nurses will be at school on **Friday 18th September** to provide a vision screening programme for all Year 7 students. If you DO NOT agree to your child being screened please notify Ms Tara Langford, Assistant Principal Junior School, phone 237-5248 ext 813. This screening test is NOT a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please consult an optometrist.

Year 7 & 8 Dental Services

The School Dental Service will shortly be posting home to all Year 7 & 8 students an appointment time for a dental check up at Porirua East Primary School, Martin Street. If you do not receive an appointment time or the time sent is not suitable please contact them on 2378700.

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 - 12.55pm
Wed 12.20 - 12.55pm

A copy of the exam timetable is attached to this newsletter. The timetable will also be available for viewing on the school website under "Current Notices".

Selecting Courses for 2010

Thank you to the parents who came to the Course Selection & Careers Evening on 25th August. 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 can begin the timetabling process for next year. We are interested in feedback about the evening. In the light of low turnout this year in comparison to last year, we are considering running this evening every second year in future.

School Uniform for 2010

Uniform fittings for students commencing at Bishop Viard College in 2010 or existing students that require new

uniforms for 2010 will be held on **Wednesday 14th October 3.30pm – 7pm** or **Saturday 17th October 9.30am – 1.30pm 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.

Enrolments 2010

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 2010. A waiting list is operating for those we have not been able to accept at this time.

STARS Graduation

The STARS Graduation will be held on **Tuesday 8th September, 7pm - 8.30pm** in the school hall. Students must be present in full school uniform and arrive no later than 6.45pm. All students are asked to bring a plate of finger food for supper.

Measles Outbreak

Attached to this newsletter is information/advice from the Regional Public Health for parents/caregivers regarding Measles.

Year 7 & 8 Social

The year 13 formal committee did a fantastic job of putting on the year 7 and 8 social this year. The hall was decorated in fluro colours with balloons, streamers and flashing lights. Refreshments were available all night and prizes were given out to the best dancers, best dressed etc. Azaria Felagai and Isiah Bailey were crowned King and Queen of the social and Alinka Kowalewska and Richard Kobiti-Hiko were crowned the Prince and Princess. The best dancers were Corey Clarke and Shayle Marino-Hamilton and the hula hoop winner was Georgia Hulme-Moir. The students really enjoyed themselves and danced the night away.

Sacramental Programme

On **Wednesday 16th September** Fr Paul O'Connor will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism & Eucharist with six students at **7pm** in the school chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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.

Year 9 Social Studies Learning Outside the Classroom

What 9FI students enjoyed most about the trip...

“Going to Te Papa.”

“Learning more about Parliament.”

“It was a fun day.”

“Getting a tour of parliament.”

“Knowing more about the beehive and where the parties stand and their role and how they make NZ a better world.”

“Going to Parliament to see where all the debating happens.”

“The chance to be able to see where the people who run the country work and to see an historical landmark.”

“The train ride and playing with the touch screens at Te Papa.”

“Being in the impromptu girls’ barbershop chorus where we sung to primary kids from Napier.”

“Seeing the golden days film thing.”

“Playing the drums at Te Papa.”

“Seeing things I hadn’t seen before (Te Papa and Parliament), it was cool to finally get a chance to see them.”

Year 11 History Quiz



Year 11 History students took on the challenge of the Year 11 History Quiz at Wellington College and had a great time. Congratulations to Monica Koteka who won 3rd best dressed and Anthony Schwalger who took out the best dressed award.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Melbourne Trip

To the 9 students and 3 staff who will be travelling to Kilbreda College, Melbourne during the school holidays. We wish you an enjoyable trip and look forward to hearing about your experience.



Barbershop National Competition

The National competitions for the Barbershop are being held on Tuesday 15th September in Auckland. "One Voice" our boys' chorus, "Pacific Belles" our girls' chorus and the two male quartets "Teen Titans" and "Good Vibrations" will be performing. We wish them all the best.

Sports

Sports Exchanges

This August we were lucky to have two sports exchanges with Chanel College from Masterton and Cullinane College from Wanganui. The teams that participated in the Chanel Exchange were 2nd XV Rugby, Senior Girls' Hockey, 1st XI Football and the Junior 1 and Collegiate 3 Netball teams. It was a great effort by all with Chanel winning 3, Viard winning 1 and 1 draw.

The next sports exchange was with Cullinane College and the following four teams travelled to Wanganui, Senior Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Collegiate 2 Netball and the 1st XV Rugby team. Once again all teams played well with 2 wins each and 1 draw.

Jesse Hing-Mather (Sports Captain)

Winter Sports Dinner

The Winter Sports dinner will be held on **Friday 11th September** from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Students involved were given a permission letter last week and asked to bring a plate. Each sports code has been asked to provide a different variety of finger food. This will be organised through the coaches.

Sports & Cultural Photos

The sports & cultural proof photos will be available for viewing at the winter sports dinner and there after on the student notice board. Orders can be placed through the school office at a cost of \$12 each.

Sports Club Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting for the Sports Club will be held on **Thursday, 22nd of October at 5pm** in the staffroom.

The winter sports season is almost at a close with only the netball teams to play one more game. It has been a hard season with many ups and downs, winning some and losing some. Special mention to our Senior Boys' Badminton team who won their grade and our to Collegiate 2 netball team who are currently at the top of their grade. Good luck for this weekend's game. A number of teams made their respective semi finals: U15 rugby, senior boys and junior girls' basketball and our 1st XV Rugby all narrowly missing out on the win. Hockey is slowly becoming a strong sport within the school. Both our senior and intermediate teams have achieved some great wins against stronger competition this season. It will be great to see these younger students coming through the senior grades in the years to come.

Setefano Mikaio (Sports Co-ordinator)

Careers

- The tourism organisation ATTTO is offering scholarships for next year. Flying Start scholarships are available for Aviation and Tourism. Next Step scholarships are available for Aviation, Tourism, Travel and Museums. Each is worth up to \$1,000. Go to www.attto.org.nz or phone 4996570. Applications close 2 November.
- Ark International offers educational travel and exchange programmes for 'gap year' and 'au pair'. This programme costs \$2,750 however there is a \$500 study grant and the opportunity to earn \$195 a week looking after children while living with a host family. It is probably better that individuals or parents contact the organisation directly for more information. Ph Chrisanthi Freeman at (09)6290076.
- Weltec is offering 20 scholarships for secondary students entering selected degree and diploma programmes, mainly in technical/engineering areas. Ph 0800 935 832 or go to www.weltec.ac.nz for an application form.
- IPENZ Foundation scholarships 2010 – these are for professional engineering. Ms Conal has detailed information or, go to Dir-Ops@ipenz.org.nz or ph Susie McCutcheon on 4732029 for an application form.
- Students applying for halls of residence at the various universities need to remember the **closing date is Oct 1** and applications need references. They need to get onto these smartly, either by going to the individual university websites for applications or by seeing Ms Conal.
- Whitireia Polytechnic is again offering scholarships for study in 2010. Ms Conal and the Year 13 form teachers - Mrs Bean and Mrs Budding - all have information and application forms.

Community Notice

RHEE TAEKWONDO

Vouchers are available at the school office for a free trial lesson in the dynamic martial art of Rhee Taekwondo. Training venues are available in Johnsonville & Whitby. For more information visit www.rheetaekwondo.co.nz.

Invitation for students to take part in
Software Freedom Day
 Sunday, 20 September 2009
 at the Town Hall and
 Michael Fowler Convention Centre
 9am to 5pm.
 Anyone can come along, and it's free!
 (Koha always appreciated)

For your students, this means unfettered access to a huge range of software, the opportunity to explore and discover, and even the chance to work within the global communities of volunteers that produce such great free software as Firefox, Blender, Open Office and Ubuntu Linux. Getting involved in free software can also be stepping stone to a new career in IT.



I've learned...

That if you think before acting and pray before thinking, you will avoid many blunders.

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

A Father's Prayer

Lord,
 I need your special care.
 Like your earthly father, Joseph,
 I want to do God's will,
 even if I may not always understand.

Make me gentle and selfless
 in the care of my family and children;
 help me guide them in the toils and troubles,
 the happiness and wonders of this life.

Like my Father in heaven,
 make me strong in love and forgiveness
 for those you entrust to my care.

No one can do these things rightly, Lord,
 without your constant help and boundless mercy.
 Be with me always,
 and may I come to you in heaven,
 and all my family with me.
 Amen.

Coming Events

September		
7 th - 11 th		INTERRUPTION FREE WEEK
Tues 8 th	7-8.30pm	STARS Graduation
Wed 9 th		Yr 11 – 13 Assembly Yr 7 & 10 Rep Meeting
Fri 11 th	6.30-8.30	Yr 7/8 Science Roadshow Winter Sports Dinner
14 th - 16 th		Followup Yr13 Career Interviews
15 th -16 th		Barbershop Nationals in Auckland
Wed 16 th	11.50am 7 – 8pm	Assembly Watermans Intermediate Tourn Celebration of Sacraments
16 th – 18 th		Yr 12/13 Ski Trip
Fri 18 th	8.50am	Yr 7 Vision Screening
Mon 21 st	7pm	BOT Meeting
21 st – 25 th		Year 11 – 13 Exams
Mon 22 nd	7pm	Prospective Board of Trustee Members Meeting in Library
Fri 25 th		Preference Enrolments Close Term 3 Ends
October		
Sun 11th	5.15pm	Mass for 200 th anniversary Bishop Viard
Mon 12 th	2.05pm	Term 3 Begins Classes End
Wed 14 th	3.30-7pm	Yr Level Assemblies 2010 Uniform Fittings in Library
Thurs 15 th		Yr 12/13 HPV Vac – Dose 3
Fri 16 th	4-7pm	Art & Technology Faculty Expo
Sat 17 th	9.30am 3.30-7pm	Yr 8 RE Scholarship 2010 Uniform Fittings
Wed 21 st		Yr 13 Retreat
Mon 26 th		LABOUR DAY – No Classes
Tues 27 th	7pm	BOT Meeting
27 th – 30 th		Yr 7-9 STAR Testing
Wed 28 th	11.50am 7-8.30pm	Assembly Gateway Graduation
Nov		
Mon 2 nd		School Mass – All Souls
2 nd – 6 th		Yr 13 Exit Interviews
Tues 3 rd		Yr 7/8 Girls Rugby Tourn
Wed 4 th	11 - 2pm	Sports Prizegiving Yr 13 Hospitality Dinner
Thurs 5 th		VUW Information Evening
Fri 6 th		Newsletter Posted

7 September 2009

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Saturday 11 October 2009 marks
the 200th birthday of
Bishop Viard.

The Archdiocese is marking this
occasion with a series of events
during the week
3 – 11 October 2009.

Each event is open to everyone,
and you are invited and
encouraged to attend.

There is no cost to attend any of the events



Saturday 3 October
Guided Bus Tour of Historic
Catholic Wellington

Meet at The Cathedral at 10am. Bus returns
to The Cathedral at 3pm.
Bring a cut lunch. (Tea & coffee provided).

Registrations required – please contact Robyn
Radomski Phone (04) 479 8616 (w)
or (027) 201 8766 (h) or via e-mail:
robyn@conferenceworks.co.nz
by 24 September. Places are limited.

Sunday 4 October
Tales of Old Catholic Wellington

St Mary's College Hall 2 – 4pm

Tuesday 6 October
Spirituality in the Pub

The Thistle Inn, 3 Mulgrave street,
Wellington 7pm

Wednesday 7 October
Debate St Mary's College Hall,
Guildford Terrace, Wellington 7pm

"It was easier to be a Catholic
in Viard's day than today"

Come and listen to this fun adult debate!

Thursday 8 October
Lecture by Sr Catherine Jones
SMSM
"A Shepherd after my own Heart"

St Mary's College Hall, Guildford Terrace,
Wellington 7:30pm
Sponsored by The Catholic Foundation

Wine and cheese will be served.

Saturday 10 October
Sesqui Celebrations of St
Mary's Church Otaki. Powhiri, Mass
and lunch

Eucharist at The Cathedral
5:30pm

Sunday 11 October
5:15pm Mass at Bishop Viard
College
20 Kenepuru Drive, Porirua

For more information on any of these
events please contact the Event Co-
ordinator

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