



Thank you and a happy and blessed Christmas

Karina Shann – Dux 2009



At the close of the school year, on behalf of the staff and Board of the College, I wish all our Viard families a Christmas that is blessed with good health, happiness and family togetherness. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our year rewarding and enjoyable. To the students who have completed their education at Bishop Viard College this year, we wish you every success in your future endeavours and give thanks for the privilege of having been a part of your growth in learning and maturity through your adolescence. To the many families who conclude their direct parental association with the college following this year's graduation of their youngest child, I express my gratitude for your loyalty and support. To those students enrolled to join us next year, we eagerly await your presence and contribution to the growth of the Viard family. To all those parents and supporters of the College who have helped with coaching, transport,

fundraising and organizing sports teams, class trips, barbershop, Ola Pasifika and the many other pursuits of our students I express my profound and sincere thanks. Our Mass of Thanksgiving before our prizegiving was an opportunity for us to express our gratitude in prayer for all we have received this year and for the friendships, generosity and support we have shared under the Lord's guidance.

Acknowledging our Students

Congratulations

- ❖ To **Karina Shann** our dux for 2009.
- ❖ To our Head Students for 2010:
 - Head Boy – **Sheldon Akavi**
 - Head Girl – **Ebony Sushames**
 - Deputy Head Boys – **Jesse Hing-Mather** and **Jeremy Kelly**
 - Deputy Head Girls – **Justina Miti** and **Tamara Wetere**
- ❖ To **Karaitiman Teatao** on being awarded the Halina Fladrzynska-Morrow Scholarship through the Catholic Foundation.
- ❖ To **Brooke Leota** on being awarded a Tu Kahika scholarship to study health science at Otago university.
- ❖ To **Gretta Dette** on being awarded a Whitireia Secondary School Leavers Scholarship to study Bachelor of Nursing (Pacific).
- ❖ To the Intermediate Speech Competition winners: 1st place **Sean Woodnutt**, 2nd place **Georgia Hulme-Moir**, 3rd Place **Carmelliah Vili** and 4th place **Jesse Gibb**.
- ❖ To **Salio Siaunuu** (U14s), **Renouf To'omaga Atoni** (U15) and **Keenau Betham** (U16) on being selected for the Wellington Rugby Union's Emerging Player Teams.
- ❖ To **Sheldon Akavi** on being selected for the Rugby League's Stephen Kearny Cup Competition and on being invited to attend the Melbourne Storm Training Camp. Sheldon was also named Rugby Leagues Wellington Under 16 Player of the Year. Well done!
- ❖ To **Jared Elliott** on being selected for the following teams: the Western Bays U15 Boys' softball team to play at the Central Regions' Tournament and then the Tournament team and the Wellington U15 Boys' team to play at the National tournament in South Auckland in January.

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

- ❖ To **Ikram Singh, Hatali Edwards, Dalton McAndrew and Joshua Alefosio-Pei** on being placed 1st in the Prepared Challenge, 3rd in the Unknown Challenge and 1st Overall in the Wellington Regional Schools BP Challenge held recently at Victoria University.

Board of Trustees

The Board met on November 30th for its final meeting of the year. Thank you to all our staff for all their efforts educating our students this year, in particular thank you to Lyndsay Lewis who leaves the Viard family after 28 years of service. Your efforts over that time, particularly in recent years as Deputy Principal have contributed greatly to Viard. On behalf of our parents and the Board of Trustees I wish you many blessings in your retirement.

The following policies have been reviewed: Off Site Work Placements, Managing Student Behaviour and Food and Nutrition.

A Self Review on Property has been completed and it contains the following recommendations:

- Complete car park sealing
- Upgrade the administration area to achieve better flow of students, access to the office for visitors and the provision of reception and interview areas.
- Communicate clearly with the community about the use of attendance dues and the allocation of Policy 1 money for the upgrading of the buildings.

Two contracts for staff professional development have been negotiated to start in 2010. A literacy contract will run for two years and an Information Technology contract for three years.

Bishop Viard College

Board of Trustees - Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by appointment. If ten percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson - Board of Trustees
Bishop Viard College
P O Box 50075, Porirua

Marian Blackford

Board of Trustees Chairperson

RIP Felix Kane

We extend our prayerful sympathy to Mrs Lou Kane and family on the death of Felix. As our

longest serving Board member Felix had given generously of his talents and time over many years. He served on the Board of Governors from the opening of the college until the era of Tomorrow's Schools in 1989 and was Secretary of that Board for many years. With the advent of Boards of Trustees he continued to serve as a Proprietor's Representative through until 2000.

Staff

The following staff are leaving Viard at the end of this year:

- Mrs Lyndsay Lewis, Deputy Principal is retiring after 28 years of dedicated service to the college.
- Ms Natalie Moreno, teacher of Music, Drama & English is leaving after 1 year's long term relieving.
- Mr Joshua Parker-Bevin, teacher of Geography and Social Studies is leaving after 2 years service to travel overseas.
- Mrs Vicky Glassey is leaving after 1.5 years as a long term relieving teacher of English.
- Ms Barbara Baylis is leaving after 1 year as a long term relieving teacher of ESOL & English.

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

Congratulations to Ms Stephanie Dodd on being seconded to Victoria University to act as ESOL advisor in schools for 2010. This is a tribute to the work Stephanie does at Bishop Viard College. Next year she will be working part time at Viard and part time in the advisor's role.

Ms Sally Beccard will be on study leave from March – November 2010.

The following staff appointments have been made for 2010:

Mr Trevor Keough - HOD Science
Mrs Karen Matthews – Assistant HOD English
Mrs Ava Szabo – Assistant Principal (Senior School)

An appointment is yet to be made for:
Assistant Teacher (Geography, Social Studies & English)

Prizegiving

The following is a list of award winners at our 42nd Annual Prizegiving Ceremony on Wednesday night.

First Placings

7AU	Shekinah To'omaga
7DG	Sean Woodnutt
7CM	Sahil Gordon
7KW	Gabriella Hing-Mather
8SF	Simon Blackford

Hezekiah Stewart The Lesley Duncan Prize for progress in Yr 8 English

Lahni Siua'ana Roose Cup for achievement in Yr 8 Mathematics

Aola Siava Polaschek Shield for Prepared Speech in Yr 9&10

Jody Dorgan & Melissa Azad Titahi Bay RSA Poppy Cup for the Anzac Day Speech

Vaipuna Siaunuu Merv West Memorial Trophy for contribution to Spirit of BVC in Year 7 & 8

Rosalote Tanoi Kevin Swain Memorial Shield for contribution to Spirit of BVC in Year 9 & 10

Paris Bailey & Tiana Miti Thorburn Cup for contribution to Music - Junior

Rachel Fomai Thorburn Cup for contribution to Music – Senior

AJ Tuveve Lois Hill Barbershop Cup for contribution & leadership in Harmony singing

Simon Blackford & Jeremy Kelly Madigan St Vincent de Paul Cup

Rachelle Robati Porirua City Council Cup for Service & Citizenship

Rachelle Robati Madigan Cup for Senior Public Speaking

Maselino Neru Assumptionist Fathers' Shield for contribution to liturgy

McKenzie Proffit McAskill Cup for Impromptu Speaking

Nicole White & Brad Walsh Gateway Trophy for overall excellence in the Gateway Programme

Karina Shann Katherine Mansfield Birthplace Literature Award

Kiwa Mohi Senior W.C.R. Thomas Tikanga Maori Award

Joseph Faraimo The Bill Thomas Trophy for general excellence to a senior maori boy

Brooke Leota The Three Baskets of Knowledge awarded for general excellence to a senior maori girl

Dayna Blair, Josh Velarde, Gabriella Hing-Mather, Larricia Fa'anoi Porirua Paper Plus Reading & Research Cup

Kuku Peng The St Michael's Medal in recognition of personal endeavour in service to the school.

Tulipaolo Tanoi The Nellie Hunt Memorial Trophy for Samoan Speech

Diocesan School House Competition

Brooke Leota School Trustees Association Award for student representative to the Board

Diligence Awards

7AU Joel Faraimo-Alofa & Shekinah To'omaga

7CM Willie Schutz & Sui Aye

7DG Matthew Brooker & Erin Brown

7KW D'Artanyon Adams & Gabriella Hing-Mather

8GT Faith Asomua & Pariss Patelesio

8KW Jesse Gibb & Mihi Banks

8SF Ikram Singh & Georgia Hulme-Moir

9FI Keanu Apanui & Sosetaeo Ili

9FN Salio Siaunuu & Jenny John

9DK Liam Brown & Hana Paranihi

10CL Rosalote Tanoi & Michael Terawasi

10DK CJ Smith & Christine Philipo

10SE James Devoe & Jessika Akavi

11FC Ben Mason & Shanti Brown

11JP Simon Livingston, Shemya Patelesio & Natasha Saumani

11NM Prince Mercado & Yvette Larsen

11VG Paul Blackford & Anastasia Micallef

12BH Lorenzo Lolesio, Sheldon Akavi, Margaret Leupolu & Leilana Dette

12FA Jesse Hing-Mather & Ah Kha Hpau Je

12MC Jeremy Kelly & Ebony Sushames

13HB Emmanuel Mururi & Karina Shann

13PB YongJoon Kim & Karaitman Teatao

Keanu Apanui Xavier Trophy for Most Diligent Boy Year 9

Hana Paranihi Xavier Trophy for Most Diligent Girl Year 9

Michael Terawasi Avila Trophy for Most Diligent Boy Year 10

Rosalote Tanoi Avila Trophy for Most Diligent Girl Year 10

Scholarships and Top Academic Awards

Odessamele Fa'afai Music Scholarship – Guitar

Paris Bailey Music Scholarship – Violin

Hatali Edwards BVC Board of Trustee's Chairpersons' Scholarship for Religious Examination

Anastasia Micallef Our Lady of Fatima Scholarship

Sean Woodnutt The Nellie Hunt Memorial Trophy for Overall Academic Achievement in Year 7

Simon Blackford Moir Cup for Overall Academic Achievement in Year 8

Zoe Hing-Mather Bishop Viard College Trophy for Overall Academic Excellence in Year 10

Shanti Brown Diligence Trophy for most diligent student in Year 11

Jermey Kelly Joseph Fredrick Hicks Cup for most diligent student in Year 12

Jemma Perrot Frost Cup for academic improvement in the senior school

Emmanuel Mururi Trust Porirua Scholarship

Karaitman Teatao Halina Fladrzynska-Morrow Scholarship

Brooke Leota Tu Kahika Scholarship

Gretta Dette Whitireia Secondary School Leavers Scholarship

Hollie Henderson Bishop Viard Anniversary Scholarship

Josh Velarde Bishop Viard Anniversary Scholarship

Jenny John Bishop Viard Anniversary Scholarship

Louisa Onelino Bishop Viard Anniversary Scholarship

Tulipaolo Tanoi The Nellie Hunt Spirit of Excellence Trophy

Brooke Leota The Parents & Friends Cup for contribution to the spirit of BVC

Karina Shann DUX

Thanks



We wish to thank Harvey Norman Porirua for sponsoring the printing of our annual prizewinner photographs. If your child received an award at Wednesday's prizegiving and had their photo taken a copy of that photograph is enclosed with this newsletter.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

End of Year Reports

The senior reports (Years 11-13) were posted out on 7th November. The junior reports (Years 7-10) accompany this newsletter. Copies are being emailed to those for whom we have email addresses.

2009 Magazine

Thank you to our editors Fiona Crawford and Tara Langford, our publisher Konica Minolta and all the contributors for a full and colourful record of our year. The Magazine is on sale now from the office at a cost of \$20.

Special Classes 2010

GATEWAY

The Gateway class for 2010 will be starting again in February. This is a regular, timetabled school subject except that from later in Term One through to the end of Term Three, students go out to work. The benefits of Gateway include work experience and the many life



skills that are learned when a student has to organise him or herself to be at work, on time and appropriately dressed every Wednesday.

Students wanting to join the Gateway class must have a good attitude and be prepared to demonstrate excellent attendance, punctuality and hard work at their Gateway job. The work is unpaid because the students are training, but those with the right attitude are often offered paid holiday work.

Students in the Gateway class are required to complete a First Aid course and some Level 1 units in Health and Safety and other work-related topics. Through their employment there are often additional units at Level 2 related to the particular job they are doing. Other students are able to do Gateway from outside the Gateway class; this particularly suits those who would like to investigate a career through work experience but would prefer to stay in their Level 2 or 3 subject classes.

Parents or students interested in joining Gateway should contact Sr Fran Nicolle Ph 2375 248 Ext 827 (Gateway Administrator), Ms Marg Conal Ph 2375 248 Ext 825 (Gateway Co-ordinator) or Mr Steven Knipping Ph 2375248 Ext 803 (Deputy Principal) at the beginning of February. Ms Conal may be contacted during the holidays by email at conalm@viard.school.nz – please give a phone number for Ms Conal to contact you.

COMPOSITE CLASSES

We are still awaiting final enrolment numbers but at this stage we are unlikely to run any composite classes next year for year 7&8 or for Year 9&10.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Attendance Dues

The Catholic Schools Board has advised us of a 7.1% increase for primary students and 6.9% increase for secondary students in Attendance Dues for 2010. The new rates are:

Year 7 & 8: \$344 per year (\$86.00 per term)

Year 9 – 13: \$672 per year (\$168.00 per term)

Automatic payment arrangements can be made through the Catholic Schools Board by contacting them directly on 04 4990184

If there is any difficulty with the payment of Attendance Dues please contact the Principal for assistance.

Enrolments 2010

Preference enrolments were due by the end of Term 3. If you have not yet enrolled your child please get the enrolment to us as soon as possible. Once the

enrolment is submitted you will be contacted about an interview. Current enrolments indicate a capacity year 7 next year so there may not be spaces left for last minute enrolments.

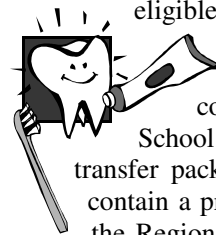
2010 Transition

Parents of students coming into years 7, 9 and 11 please mark **15th February at 6pm** in your diaries as an evening to be at Viard. We will be holding a special meeting for these families to brief you on the changes, challenges and helpful hints that apply to these important educational transition points: entry into intermediate, entry into secondary and first year NCEA. Following the information and question and answer sessions you are invited to join staff for a barbeque meal.

General Dental Benefit Enrolment Update

The School Dental Service provides dental care to eligible students until the end of Year 8.

From Year 9 until the age of 18 free dental care is provided by contracting Dentists. In January the School Dental Service will be posting transfer packs direct to parents. The pack will contain a prepaid return envelope addressed to the Regional Co-ordinator of Adolescent Oral Health Charmaine Matiaha. If you have any questions regarding the enrolment of your child(ren) with a Dentist please contact Charmaine on phone 5709048 or 027 4409148.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Year 9 STARS Camp 2010

All Year 8 students should have taken a letter home to their parents last week regarding the 2010 STARS Camp. If you have not received one please notify the school office or leave a message for Diana Kelly on 237-5248.

Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition

This year's speech competition had many impressive candidates and once again this annual event went off without a hitch. It was great to see the students listen quietly in awe to the students who had made the finals. It is not easy to get up on stage in front of your peers and speak about a topic for three minutes but Mrs Kelly made everyone feel at ease with her expert instruction. Carmelliah Vili 8SF came fourth and Jesse Gibb 8KW came third both with speeches on gangs. They were brilliant speeches with a social message for everyone. Georgia Hulme-Moir came second with her speech on global warming and she spoke with confidence and character. The overall winner of the competition was Sean Woodnutt with his speech on boy racers which was very entertaining and inspirational for all of those listening. Congratulations

to all of the students who competed. Future years' O'Shea shield junior speech section is safe in the hands of these up and coming public speakers.

An Exciting Day at Victoria University



17 November 2009 is the day the Year 8 Science extension team will never forget. Four Year 8 students took

part in the BP Challenge to represent Bishop Viard College at Victoria University in Wellington. We made an astonishing achievement in coming 1st in the overall competition. We won against 25-30 schools from the wider Wellington region. The scores were very close. Two schools came third, three schools came second and our team came first. We are grateful to have Mrs Kelly as our leader who prepared us well for this competition. The four of us were excited by our achievement and we hope that the Bishop Viard team will win again next year.

Ikram Singh

Sports

Our College sports teams have this year had a very successful year with our:

- Netball Collegiate 2 and Badminton Senior Boys' winning their respective grades
- Basketball Senior Boys' coming 2nd in their grade
- Volleyball Junior Girls' top of the table in the Northern Division
- Indoor Bowls team winning the novice section at the Regional Competition

and many other teams in the top half of their grades. Another highlight this year was being able to enter, after a very successful season, an Intermediate Hockey team into the Wellington Competition.

We had many students making Regional Representative teams who we have named throughout the year. Congratulations to you all.

Again I would like to thank all Coaches, Managers, and Parents who helped throughout the year with our students' sports. Without you, we would not be able to run as many sports teams at Bishop Viard. Thank you !!

On behalf of the Sports Club I wish you and your family all the very best for Xmas and the New Year.

2010 Sports

We have another busy year next year with sports exchanges scheduled which will be exciting for our

students: St John's College in Hastings for rugby, Cullinane College for Viard Shield as well as our Sports exchange and Chanel College exchange in Masterton to name a few.

Summer sports start in the 3rd week of school (15th February). 2010 Summer Sports and Performing Arts Registration forms will be distributed to students on Thursday 11th February with payment due on **Friday 19th February**.

Summer sport registration fees for 2010 are:

Cricket	\$40	Golf	\$20
Tennis	\$40	Touch	\$40
Volleyball	\$40		

Other Sports code registration fees are as follows:

Badminton	\$30.00	Basketball	\$65.00
Hockey	\$65.00	Miniball	\$40.00
Netball	\$65.00*	Rugby	\$40.00*
Soccer	\$40.00	Unihoc	\$40.00
Volleyball	\$40.00		

* *There will be additional charges for these sports if you are selected for a premier team.*

Attached to this newsletter is a Sports Club Expo Flyer inviting all parents & students to a registration/information evening on Thursday 25th February at 6pm in the school hall. Information for all sports codes offered at Bishop Viard College will be available. There will be an opportunity to have all your questions answered and meet with members of the Sports Club Committee, Coaches & Convenors. Eftpos and automatic payment forms will be available upon request. Light refreshments will be available.

Sports Coaches / Managers



Applications are still being sort from any parents interested in coaching or managing a college sports' team in 2010. It is our intention to have as many teams entered in College Sport Wellington competitions as possible.

However, we rely heavily on parental and community involvement as well as reliable student commitment to make this happen. Could you please express your interest in writing to Setefano Mikaio, Sports Coordinator, as soon as possible. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Setefano at the College. Thankyou.

Setefano Mikaio (Sports Coordinator)

School Leavers

The Learning Shop provides a full range of career, CV, scholarship information and job-seeking services FREE. Located in Cobham Court and open Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm, phone 237-7422, email: thelearningshop@xtra.co.nz.

A similar service is available from Youth Transition Services situated in The Employment Hub, 6 Hagley Street, Porirua, phone 238-0052.

Work and Income NZ is at 4 Lydney Place, next to the former Warehouse Stationery shop space. Work available is posted on noticeboards and a number of staff are on site to advise school leavers seeking employment. Ph 9180024.

Careers

- **IMPORTANT** – Victoria University has announced changes to the CUP (Certificate of University Proficiency) programme for 2010. Places have been reduced from 200 down to 120 in Trimester One, and over the year there will be 100 fewer places than in this year. Those intending to apply should do so as soon as possible. **The final date to apply for Trimester One is 10 February.** Those expecting to gain University Entrance who find themselves short of credits may wish to apply for the CUP urgently.
- **ALSO IMPORTANT** – Whitireia is offering Tertiary Youth Guarantee programmes. They are for those leaving school with NCEA Level 1 or less who have completed Year 11. The age requirement is 16 -17; those who turn 18 within 3 months of the course commencement are not eligible. Courses are offered in Automotive Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Plumbing, Drainlaying, Roofing and Gasfitting, Carpentry, Hairdressing and Beauty, Retail and Cosmetics, Office Systems and Trades Skills. Apply as soon as possible to guarantee a place. Ms Conal has printed information, or, visit www.whitireia.ac.nz or phone 0800 944 847

Employment Opportunity

Devon Patterson Flooring Extra at Tawa has a full-time position for a school leaver. It would involve office work related to their flooring business, but also the ability to take over from the storeman and do deliveries of flooring, so strength would be required. The person chosen would have the confidence to answer the phones and deal with enquiries from the public. Full training will be given with prospects for advancement. Phone Gail or Rachael at 2320333 or 4786180 after hours. You can check with Ms Conal if you have any questions, or phone the above numbers directly.

Christmas Blessing



*May you have the gladness of
Christmas, which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas, which is
peace;
The heart of Christmas, which is
love.*

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

Coming Events

2010 Starting Arrangements

Thursday 28 January

10am – 2pm School office opens
10am – 3pm Uniform shop opens

Friday 29 January

Professional Development (teachers unavailable)

Monday 1 February

9am – 12.30pm Year 11 – 13 Course Registration
9am – 3pm STARS Mentor Training Day

Tuesday 2 February

9am All returning Yr 8, 9 and 13 to Hall
9.30am All new Year 7, 8 and 9 students gather
in carpark for Powhiri
3.05pm Classes end for the day

Wednesday 3 February

9.30am Years 7, 8, 9 & 13 to form classes
9.30am Year 10 report to the hall
9.30am Year 11 report to the library
9.30am Year 12 report to the chapel
12.30pm Classes end for the day

Thursday 4 February

8.40am – 3.05pm Classes for all students

Friday 5 February

8.40am – 3.05pm Classes for all students

The **Uniform Shop** will be open as follows:

Thurs 28 to Mon 1 February 10am – 3pm

The **College office** will be open from 10am – 2pm from Thursday 28 January and will resume the normal office hours of 8.30 – 3.30pm from Tuesday 2 February.

The **canteen** will be open from Tuesday 2 February. Buses will operate in the afternoon only on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 February with morning buses resuming from Thursday 4 February.

10th December 2009

Hedley R. Aitken
(Principal)

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