

Newsletter

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VIARD
C O L L E G E

Greetings Kia Ora Talofa lava Faka'alofa atu Kia Orana Taloha ni Malo e lelei
Mauri Min ga la ba An nyong ha se yo Guten Tag Buenos Dias Como Vai

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Kia Ora Tatou

Jesus keeps his promise to his disciples by sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Pentecost invites us all to renew our commitment to living and working for the mission of our Church. To use our gifts to build the Church and to share the love of Christ with everyone.

It is with this in mind that we here at Viard are working hard to focus our teaching and learning to better serve the needs of our students. Teachers are deepening their knowledge of each student's abilities and skills to improve each child's academic results. We can only do that with the help and support of our Viard families. We need you to make sure your child arrives at school on time (we can provide breakfast for those who need us to), with their gear and ready to learn. Starting this week students who are late with no explanation more than once in a week will be withdrawn from their next sports team competition game. That would be a shame and would let down other team members and the coaches who work hard for their team. If we work together we can succeed.



In the short time I have been here I have observed students achieving at the highest level. I watched the student leaders very competently run assembly, with the whole school cooperating, to deliver a strong message of inclusiveness and acceptance. I have seen our students perform the Tauluga in the Offertory Procession at the Mass for the Plenary Assembly

of Oceania Bishops. I have seen Mimisa Omeri's 'George Family' Trophy for winning the Junior A prepared speech competition. I have seen the U15 Boys Rugby team lose to WC U15A but play with such fortitude and pride that they won the second half 21 to 3. They made me proud. I have seen a senior English class totally engaged in what they were discussing with knowledge and understanding, I have seen the Year 7 and 8s immersed in their mathematics and I have seen the girls' netball team trying to beat the staff. BVC has plenty to offer each and every student.

At this time of the year we start to think about next year and enrolments. We expect to enroll students at Year 7 and Year 9 as the two important transition stages in a child's life. We are working already to make sure those transitions are as smooth as can be. Research tells us that transitions between schools are difficult and may adversely affect a student's progress. I am told that sometimes students transfer to other schools at Year 9. It would be really disappointing to lose students whose academic abilities we have spent two years developing and I invite you to come and discuss your intentions if you are considering leaving the Viard family. I will show enough positive Viard results to talk you out of it and to save you travel money. If you have another student to enroll for 2015 we will be holding enrolment interviews early in Term 3 and invite you to request an enrolment pack to be posted now so that you can get your preference status confirmed by your Parish Priest.

I am enjoying working at Viard with your corker kids.

God Bless, Prue Kelly.

Mission Statement

Bishop Viard College is a Catholic, co-educational school committed to nurturing each student to grow in Christ, and in the awareness that the possession of knowledge is a call to serve others.

Parent Communication

Email Addresses

We have new email addresses for attendance/absence and late to school

attendance@viard.school.nz (for Mrs Gallen) for all attendance/absence notifications.

late@viard.school.nz (for Mrs Taylor) for all late to school explanations

Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that Attendance Dues have to be paid by September. Rebates for families in difficulty may be requested from the Principal. However, only a small portion of the Attendance Dues is able to be rebated.

Farewell Afternoon Tea for Teresa Cargo

There will be an afternoon tea to farewell Teresa towards the end of the term. The date is to be confirmed. Current and past staff along with parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

Founders Day

We will celebrate our Founders Day on Monday 16th June commencing with our House quiz at 9.00am, Choral Competition after morning tea and concluding with our whole school mass at 2.00pm. Parents are most welcome to join us at any of these events. You may assist your child's house by helping them answer their quiz questions in their core class. Students are to wear full school uniform to school and may change into house mufti for the choral competition. They will then wear full uniform for the Mass.

Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania (FCBCO)

Plenary Assembly May 2014

On Wednesday 14th May, Bishop Viard Students, teachers and parents attended the Mass for the Plenary Assembly. The Mass was a wonderful example of the colleges in our Archdiocese coming together to share in a great celebration of Eucharist. Each college had a role within the Mass and Bishop Viard students performed the Taualuga at the Offertory Procession. A huge thank you to all the parents involved in the preparation of this and their continued support of our College.



O'Shea Shield

"Who's got your back? Viard's got your back!" This was the reality for the twelve excited competitors from Bishop Viard College who attended the O'Shea Shield competition in Hastings last weekend. Two days of intense yet friendly rivalry took place between 17 Catholic schools at St. John's College. Students participated in events including Oratory, Debating, Impromptu Speaking, Junior Prepared Speaking, Religious Questions, Scripture Reading and Drama. The competition, now in its 65th year, includes colleges from the lower North Island and top of the South. Bishop Viard students were strong competitors in every section and even took out section A of Junior Prepared Speaking with Mimisa Omeri winning the first place George Family Trophy for the first time since 1986. The message of Mimisa's speech was to embrace your cultural identity and be grateful to the people and communities who nurture it. Year 9 Mimisa's speech was delivered in both English and Samoan. The weekend was a very good experience for all those who went, with a lot of learning, new friendships, challenges and spontaneous dancing and singing. The teachers who coached the competitors were very proud of how the students performed and carried themselves throughout the weekend.

By Dayna Blair, Deputy Head Girl





Learning Support Department Reader/Writer Assistance

The Learning Support department requires volunteers to help students with special assessment conditions. The role involves reading a test and/or writing the students answer down. Training will be given. If you are able to assist please contact Lois Burns on either Ph:2375248 ext.220 or email burnsl@viard.school.nz

Hats available

The following are available from the school office:
School Beanies \$20.00 each
School Caps \$30.00 each
School Bucket Hats \$25.00 each

Hosting international Students

Would you like to host a student from another country? Any parents interested in providing homestay accommodation for international students, please contact Lois Burns on 2375248 ext. 220.

Available Bedding:

The winter chill is upon us and some of our families are cold. If you have any spare clean bedding, please drop it off at school and we will distribute it to families in need.

Plimmerton Kindergarten

Ready to test your adventurous side? Mark Sunday 22nd June at 11am in your diaries and come along to Plimmerton Kindy's Mid-Winter Dip! Brave souls, many in fancy dress, gather each year at Karehana Bay, Moana Road in Plimmerton to test the water temperature and their courage! For those who don't fancy getting wet, there is plenty of delicious hot food, drinks and entertainment on shore to keep everyone happy. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Holiday Computer Classes

For years 7 to 12. *Minecraft, Create 3D Video Games, Web Design, Animations, Video Editing, Programming and Build a PC.* Free transport from Petone, Lower Hutt & Upper Hutt. For further information call Ed Brown on 499 2211 or www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Catholic Character

Mass & Liturgy Schedule for Term 2

Please note that Father John will be saying Mass on a **TUESDAY** Morning.

Term 2	Wednesday Morning Mass 8.00am
Tuesday 10 th June	Father John Van de Kaa
18 th June	David & Liz Wootton
25 th June	Father Bill Warwick
2 nd July	Archbishop John Dew

Curriculum

Junior Debating Team

This year the Junior Debating Team (years 9 and 10 students) have accepted the challenge of being in the Junior Premier Grade of the Wellington Secondary Schools competition. So far this year they have participated in three inter-collegiate debates: one prepared and two limited preparation debates. They have all been very close results with Bishop Viard College narrowly losing two debates and winning one. The team is Siosi Schaumkel, Stella Mitchell, Olivia Pettigrew, Ana Poloie and Anna Rayner, with Felicity Tusani as the chairperson. They are representing the College with skill and pride.

Callum Brooker

Congratulations to Callum Brooker who has been accepted to go on a student exchange to France at the end of the year for four months. Callum doesn't yet know which part of France he'll be going to, but is excited by the opportunity. He has been diligently studying French through the Correspondence School both last year and this year. We congratulate him on his acceptance into the programme, as well as his ongoing success in football! Well done Callum.

Careers

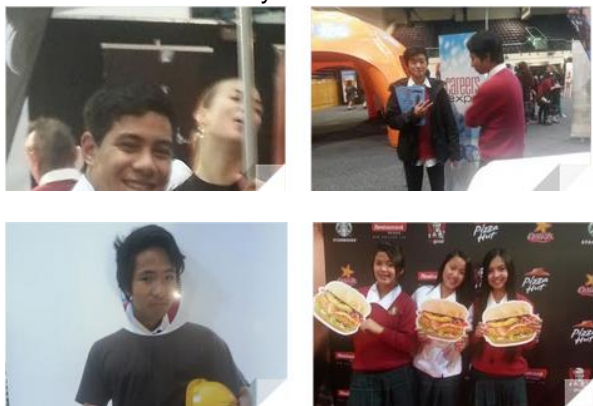
A variety of events have taken place over Term 1 and 2:

Students in Year 11 and 12 attended the JOPs (Job Options Porirua) Hands on Careers Expo at Te Rauparaha Arena on 27th March. Students had the opportunity to look at a variety of career pathways to help motivate students to continue school with clear goals, understand what they need to achieve to gain entry into industry, and inform students about the different career paths available to them.





A group of 25 Year 11-13 students were selected to attend the Wellington Careers Expo at the TSB Arena on Friday 16 May. The expo ran over two days with the opportunity for students and families to attend on the Saturday.



A group of 20 Year 11-13 students participated in a local Workchoice Day with Porirua City Council. They visited Pataka where they heard about careers in the Council, infrastructure, horticulture, Art Gallery and Museum, and the Library. They also visited Te Rauparaha Arena and looked at the jobs available through sport and recreation and event management. Many thanks to Susan Reid, Human Resources Manager at PCC, and the many people in charge of each area of work, for opening our student's eyes to job and career prospects through the council.



The first round of visits by University Liaison Advisors is complete. Students have had the opportunity to hear about Auckland, Massey, Victoria and Otago Universities. A second round will commence in Term 3 to assist students with applications and course planning for 2015. Canterbury, Lincoln and Waikato Universities will come if there are students considering these universities as destinations.

The Defence Force Recruiters will be in over lunch time on Tuesday 17 June. They will hold an information session in the library over lunch - 1.30-

2.10pm. All students and interested family members are welcome to attend.

Scholarship opportunities are being advertised through school notices. Please encourage Year 13s to listen and respond promptly if they wish to be considered. NOTE: Scholarships are very competitive and you need to be working at least at a Merit level to be considered for academic scholarships. Year 12 students aiming for university need to be aiming to achieve a Merit or Excellence endorsement in NCEA Level 2 to be eligible to apply for scholarships.

Victoria University Outreach is a programme which aims to mentor students toward university or other tertiary study. Year 13s and Year 12s meet on Monday mornings from 8.00am to the beginning of school. Year 12s are encouraged to join up.

Year 9-10 Junior Work Exposure Day - 30 May, 13 Year 9-10 students signed up to enjoy a hands-on information day at Wellington Hospital through Kia Ora Hauora, where they got to try things out and hear about the huge range of Health related careers. This day will also help to encourage more students to keep science as an option in Year 11 because 70% of jobs in the workforce at present require some higher level science, including health related careers.

GATEWAY: Congratulations to students who achieved their First Aid Certificates and Health and Safety in the Workplace credits

Sports

Reminder to all parents of students enrolled for the **winter sports** this year that fees should have been fully paid to the school office before the winter season begins Friday 9 May 2014. Unpaid fees may result in some games being defaulted or teams withdrawn from the competition.

Northern Zone Cross Country:

The Primary Sport Northern Zone Cross Country was held on a blustery day at Seton Nossiter Park on Wednesday 28th May. Sixteen students from the Intermediate completed the challenging course, which included steep inclines and stream crossings. Congratulations to the following people who have qualified for the Primary Sport Inter-Zone Cross Country Event at Karori Park on 10th June 2014:

- Year 7 Girls: Michaela Paul (8th)
Laneese Rameka (9th)
- Year 7 Boys: Maioha Hawe-Moe (3rd)
Joseph Cole (6th)
Jermaine Collins (9th)
- Year 8 Girls: Laura Dodds (3rd), Tiana Turua (6th),
Rachel Holden (7th)
- Year 8 Boys: Thomas Ieti-Tago (2nd), Anton Raynor (5th),
Seia Lolesio Taulalo (7th) and Aidan Dodds (8th).

The College Sport Wellington Cross Country was held on the same day at Trentham Memorial Park. Six students competed in the U19, U16 and Year 9 races.

Congratulations to Callum Brooker who finished 10th in the U16 competition.

Cultural

Performing Arts

Key Dates for Term 2:

Rehearsals for Poly (Ola Pasifika) are on Wednesday after school from 2.15 - 3.15 & Thursday lunch 1.30 - 2.00

Cultural Concert is on the last Thursday of this term - Week 9 3rd July, more details to follow.

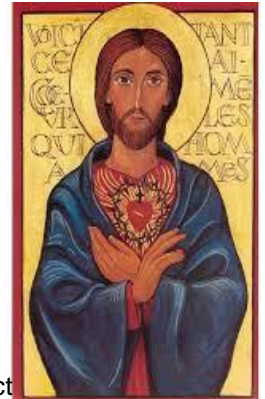
Advance Notice - Term 3:

Polyfest is on Friday 22nd August at the Te Rauparaha Arena - more details to follow.

Any questions about Cultural Groups or Music Groups, please contact Miss Lorenc

to be forgiving so that our school life may reflect Jesus' love for us. We remember the words from our school song-

"Your kingdom come in us,
Your will be done in us,
Your love gives strength to us
And fill us with kindness".
Amen



'The Sacred Heart of Jesus'

Let us pray,
O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing, I
adore you, I love you, and with
lively sorrow for my sins I offer
you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to your
will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I
may live in you and for you. Protect
me in the midst of danger. Comfort
me in my afflictions. Give me health of
body, assistance in my temporal needs, your
blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy
death.
Amen

Community Notices

New Uniform Shop hours

Please note new Uniform shop hours from the 9th June 2014:

Tuesday and Friday
8.15 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.

Wednesday
2.10p.m. to 2.40 p.m.

NB. Closed outside these hours

Prayer

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June

- Unemployed. That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity
- Faith in Europe. That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers

Prayer to Thank our Founders

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the founders of our College, the Assumptionist fathers and the Brigidine sisters, who gave us a history and tradition to remember. We thank you for our given place in this tradition. May the people, events and learning within this school always reflect the values and teaching of Jesus. Help us

Coming Events

June 2014	
Mon 9 th	Life Education Van Yrs7/8 all week
Thurs 12 th	Y12 Vic Uni Day
Mon 16 th	Founders Day
Thur 19 th /Fri 20 th	Simply Dental Visit Yrs7-13
Fri 20 th	Mufti Day World Refugee Day
Mon 23 rd	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Thurs 26 th	Simply Dental Transport Service Senior Bio Trip
Fri 27 th	Senior Bio Trip Yrs 9-13 Reports sent
July 2014	
Thurs 3 rd	Cultural Concert
Fri 4 th	Newsletter despatched Pref Enrolments Close Yr7/8 Reports sent End of Term 2 @ 3.10pm

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Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires courage!