

Newsletter

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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

I have enjoyed my first week at Bishop Viard College. The staff are hard-working and dedicated in their service to the school community. The students are friendly and, most, are focussed on their learning.

These two things tell me that the rest of the year promises great learning happening at BVC. It is my belief that learning is the focus of a school and while learning occurs in many places in a school, the most important learning occurs in a classroom and is aimed at raising student academic achievement. Students must understand this and do what is required of them in the classroom if they aim to represent the school in extracurricular activities, including sport.



This time of the year is when we start to plan for next year. Please spread the word in your church and neighbourhood about the wonderful opportunities offered here at BVC and encourage people to see us as a great option for their children.

God Bless, Prue Kelly.

Father Chris Penders, AA

The Memorial Mass for Father Chris Penders was

held on 11th April at Bishop Viard College. The Mass was attended by the current school community, past staff, students and parents. Sister Anne delivered a moving Eulogy which shared aspects of Father Chris' life and confirmed the huge contribution and commitment that he had to Bishop Viard College and the community. Sister Anne also stressed how tirelessly Father worked to build a strong Christian faith community and the family spirit of Viard. She challenged students that they owe it to Father Chris, and to others who, like him, have built up the reputation of Bishop Viard College, to not only maintain that reputation but to enhance it. The Mass was followed by an afternoon tea which allowed people to share more memories of Father Chris.



Parent Communication

Bishop Viard College School Values

Parents and caregivers are invited to complete an online survey regarding our School Values.

We are seeking feedback on what these Values mean to our community and how they look within our school, home and wider community environments.

The following link will take you directly to the survey:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8KVXX25>

Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated and enables us to gain a greater understanding of our community's view on our School Values.

If you are unable to receive the survey electronically, please contact the school office, **Ph: 237-5248**, and a paper copy will be sent to you.

Completion date for the survey is **6th June 2014**.

Reports for Term 2 will be published on the following dates.

Yr 9 – 13 Progress Reports.

Two reports will be published this term.

- Friday week 3 - 23 May
- Friday week 8 - 27 June.

These reports include;

- curriculum assessment results for all year levels
- Learning Skills progress
- NCEA Results Update for year 11 to 13.

Yr 7 and 8 Mid-Year Reports

One report will be published and sent home on the last day of term, Friday 4 July.

This report includes;

- Progress and comments in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Religious Education, Physical Education, Maori, Science and Social Studies.
- Mid-year National Standards data.
- Behaviour performance information.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 5 June 3.30pm to 5.30pm and 6.15pm to 8pm.

- Year 9 to 13 Interviews with subject teachers
- Year 7 & 8 Goal Setting interviews with core class teacher.

Catholic Character

Sacramental Programme Beginning Term 2

Bishop Viard's Sacramental Programme begins Tuesday 13th May.

We are blessed to have David and Elizabeth Wootton prepare our young people to receive the Sacraments. David and Elizabeth have a long history and experience in leading children, students and adults on their Sacramental Preparation journey.

It is not too late if you wish to have your son/daughter receive the Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Please contact Kelly Ross (Director of Religious Studies) on Ph: 237 5248 ext 205 ANZAC DAY

ANZAC DAY

God of tenderness and mercy
we call your Name on this day
of remembering the ones who gave
their lives in defence of their homeland.

We honour the heroism and courage, the love and devotion of our fallen, and those at home who carried the loneliness of loss. They remain beacons of hope, and reminders of the horror, waste and futility of war.

In today's uncertainty, hear our cries for peace and justice. Turn our thoughts away from bitterness and towards forgiveness.

Help us to enter the sufferings of others, to feel their pain, to taste their sorrow. Draw us close to the frightened and troubled, that we may be instruments of your peace and healing.

May our care for one another build a strong community, where the wounds of war truly heal, where those who come from other lands quickly feel at home, where respect and tolerance are the values we treasure.

God of tenderness and mercy, hear our prayers.



Father James Lyons

O'Shea Shield

The O'Shea Shield Competition will this year be held at St John's College, Hastings from the 17th – 18th of May.

This competition is a Speech and Drama festival involving active participation in 7 disciplines. 17 Catholic Secondary Schools in the lower North Island and Nelson participate in this competition. We wish our following students well as they prepare for this annual event:

Debating - Oriana Peteli, Ese'Ese S'ue, Hatali Edwards

Religious Questions - Simon Holden, Dayna Blair, Payton Mikara

Religious Drama - Natasha Tanavasa, Rachel Dodds, Sanitoa Bolstad, Ese'Ese Sua, Vaipuna Siaunuu

Impromptu speaking – Sanitoa Bolstad

Oratory - Helen Vaimoli

Scripture reading - Vaipuna Siaunuu

Junior Prepared - Mimisa Omeri

Kelly Ross, Director Religious Studies

Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania (FCBCO) Plenary Assembly May 2014

On **Wednesday 14th May**, a Mass is being celebrated at St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie for the Plenary Assembly.

Bishop Viard College has been asked to send representatives to this Mass and also to take up the Offertory. This is a significant event for the Wellington Archdiocese. The assembly, which meets every four years, will include about 110 Bishops, possibly two Cardinals from Roman dicasteries and the three Nuncios.

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
7 th May	RE Department/liturgy of the Word
14 th May	Father Bill Warwick
Tuesday 20 th May	Father John Van de Kaa
28 th	David & Liz Wootton
2 nd	Father Bill Warwick
4 th June	RE Department
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

Mathematics Department

Student Homework Booklets

Students are reminded if they have not paid for their Mathematics Homework Booklets, they are asked to do so immediately. Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will not be receiving their next Homework Booklet until they have paid for this, and may fall further behind in class, so we ask you to pay these off as soon as possible.

Year 7 & 8 - \$8

Year 9 & 10 - \$10

Year 11, 12, 13 - \$20 (MATH103 is \$10)

Graphics Calculators

Students in Year 11, 12 & 13 are expected to purchase a Graphics Calculator for use in their Mathematics class, at home and during internal and external assessments. Students are disadvantaged in both the internal and external assessments without the use of a Graphics Calculator so it is vital they have one and learn how to use it throughout the year. Students in Year 10 are strongly encouraged to purchase one in Year 10 so they can learn how to use one before they get to Year 11 (Level One). These can be purchased through the school office at a cost of \$90. Payment options are available, with an initial deposit of \$20 needed to get the calculator.

If parents/caregivers have any concerns, please contact the HOD Mathematics, Mr Dave Amrein on amreind@viard.school.nz

Viard Masterchef – April 11th 2014

The heat was turned up at Bishop Viard College as the four houses competed in the inaugural **Viard Masterchef** competition. Two teachers and two students from each house gave up their Friday afternoon/evening to try and be crowned the 'Viard Masterchef' champions.

The competition began at 4pm, with all teams receiving their brief for the evening. Some of us were expecting a mystery box but were surprised with an envelope containing cash, and guidelines for what the organizer and judges were expecting. The main dish was to be either vegetarian or a fish dish, with a free choice of any dessert. The deadline was 6:20pm for both dishes.

The 'celebrity' judges began to arrive from about 5pm. Paul Gibbs is a chef lecturer at Weltec, Allan Holden, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Kris Fafoi, our local MP. Also racing around the room, throughout the evening

was Simon Holden and Luke Ioane, our photographers for the evening.

At 6:20pm on the dot, the cooking stopped and the judging began. All three judges were tough, but were very impressed with how the teams worked together so well, and the quality of their creations, given a tight deadline and a budget to work within. In the end, despite some lengthy discussions from our three dignitaries, the points were totalled and results became known: 1st Brigidine, 2nd Assumptionist, 3rd Cardinal and 4th were Diocesan.

A big thank you to all staff and students involved in the evening, to our three 'celebrity' judges for their time, and a huge congratulations to Brigidine for the win. What a great way to finish the first term of the year.

The Year 10 BVAC Report

With the reports to be published in week 3, parents of Year 10 students will receive the first report on the BVAC, the "Bishop Viard Achievement Certificate", which has been introduced at year 10 this year.

What is it? The BVAC (Bishop Viard Achievement Certificate) is a new **award** being offered to year 10 students to **promote learning and achievement**. Students will earn points from individual subjects that will combine to give an overall total that generates an Award.

What is the Purpose? The aim of the award is to;

- reward students for their academic and individual achievement
- allow students to strive for personal achievement and goal setting.
- encourage good work habits in class and at home.
- prepare students for NCEA
- ensure everyone achieves to their highest potential.

How will this impact learning and achievement?

The BVAC will clearly identify to students learning skills that will promote and assist learning for them as they develop these skills. The assessments that contribute to the BVAC will be clearly identified to students so they know the importance of these.

What contributes to the BVAC? Three aspects of school life contribute to the BVAC. These are;

1. Academic achievement – this contributes 48% or 96 points towards the final award. Within each subject four assessments are identified and will contribute up to 3 points each.
2. Learning Skills – this contributes 48% or 96 points towards the final award. Students are graded in three areas, Management of Own Learning, Relating

to others, and Participation and Contribution to learning. These combined to give up to 3 points from each subject and this is collected four times a year.

3. Attendance at school – this contributes 4% or 8 points.

How do students earn the BVAC Award?

All of these points are combined to generate a total number of points gained. The total determines the level of achievement and the certificate received.

Points	Award level
180 – 200	Gold -Excellence
160 – 179	Silver – High Achievement
140 – 159	Bronze Plus – Achievement Plus
120 – 139	Bronze – Achievement
80 – 119	Green - Participation

The overall top performing student will also be awarded the Year 10 Trophy for Overall Achievement.

What will be in the first Report? The first report will give a summary of Learning Skills and attendance results in term 1, and academic results achieved up to this time. This is used to predict the student's likely result at the end of the year.

Sports

Reminder to all parents of students enrolled for the **winter sports** this year that fees must be 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.

Community Notices

New Uniform Shop hours

Please note new Uniform shop hours:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
7.55 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.**

**Monday and Tuesday
3.10p.m. to 3.40 p.m.**

NB. Closed outside these hours

Prayer



Risen Christ,
Thank You for the gift of
HOPE
You gave us on Easter morning.
Because of You we know that no problem is too difficult and even death does not have power over us.

Thank You for the gift of **JOY** You gave us when You were resurrected. Because of you we know that no matter how challenging life may be, in the end we will rejoice again.



Thank you for the gift of **LOVE** you gave us when You laid down Your life. Because of You we know that there is no sin too great to separate us and we are incredibly valuable to You.

Thank You for the gift of **LIFE** you gave us when You left the tomb. Because of Easter we know this world is just the beginning and we will spend forever in heaven with You.

AMEN

God our creator,
We come before you
and lift up in prayer all
mothers,
grandmothers,
stepmothers and
mothers to be who gave
the gift of
life.



We give you thanks for their patience,
talents and gifts which they share in
our church, society and world.

May all mothers know of Your loving
and gentle presence and may they always
turn towards you in times of joy, sorrow and glory.
We ask this in Your Name.

Amen

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.



*I've learned...
The struggle you're in today is developing
the strength you need for tomorrow.
Don't give up!*

Coming Events

<i>May 2014</i>	
Mon 12 th	Open Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Tues 13 th	School in Action 9.00am-1.00pm
Wed 14 th	Plenary Assembly Mass
17/18May	O'Shea Shield
Thur 22 nd	Barbershop Regionals
26-30May	Samoan Language Week
June 2014	
Fri 6 th	Newsletter despatched

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