

Newsletter

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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

Welcome Back

Welcome back to what will be a busy and productive term, especially for senior students and their families. This is the time of the year where hard work and good learning behaviour really pay off. The NCEA examinations and assessments are chances for students to show what they can do – setting high standards for themselves and reaching them. With only a couple of weeks to go, we are reminding students that it is up to them to study hard, manage themselves, and always ask for help when they need it.

Junior students will also have a busy term, with Years 7 and 8 embarking on an exciting Social Studies inquiry, swimming lessons, final assessments and creative pursuits. Years 9 and 10 have school examinations in week 6 and this is their opportunity to shine academically by demonstrating how much they have learnt this year. BVAC Gold, Silver and Bronze Plus certificates will be awarded at the Prizegiving on December 3rd. All other certificates will be awarded at the Junior Certificate Ceremony on December 10th.

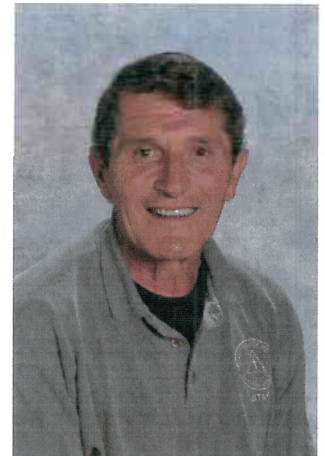
Parents and caregivers please join us at our end-of-year Prizegiving and awards ceremonies. They are special occasions that celebrate the hard work of students, their families and our remarkable staff. You are also always welcome to join us for school Masses and liturgies – the heart of our College.

Peter Mackey (1946 – 2014)

In the first week of the school holidays parents were notified by email of the passing of Mr Peter Mackey, the school's caretaker following a short illness. He was admitted to hospital in the last week of term 3 and passed away peacefully on the following Monday morning.

Peter joined the staff in April 2010 and quickly became known to the students and staff for his humble and gentle spirit. He had considerable experience as a school caretaker and we were very pleased to gain his service. Peter would often go the extra mile at the school and the effort he put into maintaining the school environment was outstanding. Nothing was too difficult for Peter and his patience, hard work, thoughtfulness, approachability, good humour and acceptance of all people exemplified the values we wish to promote within our school. While undertaking treatment he was determined to keep his contact with the school and would come in to do jobs and connect with staff and students.

Peter's funeral took place on Friday 3rd October, and the school was well represented by his colleagues and by students. Please continue to lift up his wife and daughters in your prayers at this time.



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.

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What's happening	When	Details	Who
Senior tutorials and workshops	These have already begun, and will continue until 27 November	Students should check their school emails for the schedule and talk to their subject teachers for details	Year 11-13 students
Gateway Graduation	Friday 24 October, 1.30pm	Celebration and awards for Gateway students	Gateway students, parents/caregivers, Gateway employers
Year 13 Retreat	Tuesday 28 October, 9am – 2pm	Held at St. Theresa's, Plimmerton	Year 13 students
Sports Prizegiving	Wednesday 29 October, 11am-12.30pm	Celebrating and awarding sporting achievement	All students, coaches, parents/caregivers
Mufti Day	Thursday 30 October	Students please bring in a can of food for the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Waitangirua, to support families in our community	All students
All Saints Mass	Friday 31 October, 9am	Whole-school Mass to celebrate All Saints day	All students
STARS Information Evening	Monday 3 November,	An overview of the Year 9 STARS programme and 2015 camp	Year 8 students and their parents/caregivers
Senior Certificate Ceremony and Liturgy	Wednesday 5 November, 10.30-12noon	Liturgy, awarding of achievement, diligence and other certificates, farewell to leaving students	All students, parents/caregivers of senior students
Last day of normal classes for seniors	Wednesday 5 November, finish at 2.10pm	Timetabled classes finish. Study leave, tutorial time and exams after this date.	
Sport Studies Tramp	Thursday 6 November	One-day tramp Level 2 Sports assessment	Sports Studies 201 class
Remembrance Mass	Thursday 6 November, 7pm	Remembrance mass for past staff and pupils who have passed away, in the school chapel	All welcome
Year 9 & 10 exams	Mon 17 – Thurs 20 November	Exams for Years 9 and 10 this week. One to two hours long. Normal classes at other times.	Year 9-10 students
Teacher Only Day	Friday 21 November	Mid-term break for students	Teachers only
NCEA Examinations	Mon 10 Nov – Tues 2 Dec	All seniors have individual timetables. Morning exams: 9.10am-12.30pm. Afternoon exams: 1.40-5.00pm.	Year 11-13 students
Yr12 & 13 Formal	Sunday 30 th November 7pm – 12pm	Mana Cruising Club	Year 12-13 students
Y10 Te Papa	Tuesday 11 Nov – all day	Social Studies field trip	Year 10 students
Y7 Swimming	Monday 1 – Friday 5 December	Year 7 Swimming lessons	Year 7 students
Completing 2014 NCEA assessments	No assessments will be accepted after Thursday 27 November	Some internal assessments may be completed during exam time – check with subject teachers.	Year 11-13 students
WELTEC Taster courses	Tuesday 2 December	An introduction to a range of WELTEC courses	Some Year 10 students
Prizegiving	Wednesday 3 December, 7-10pm	A formal occasion where we congratulate and award our hardest working and highest achieving students in 2014.	All students are expected to attend in formal uniform. All parents and caregivers welcome.
Junior Certificate Ceremony	Wednesday 10 December, 10am-12noon	Christmas celebration and final awards for Years 7-10 students.	Year 7-10 students, parents and caregivers
Last day of school for 2014	Wednesday 10 December	School finishes at 12noon	
Enrolments for 2015	As soon as possible	Contact the Principal	
2015 Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd February	School starts	All students