

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

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Kia ora tatou

This week our theme for our daily prayer is Social Justice. Micah has a simple formula for expressing God's will: "to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" (Mic 6.8). To do justice to all God's people means sharing, looking after, being kind, serving, standing beside and ensuring that everyone can benefit and participate in society. Sometimes that means doing a lot more than just letting others get on with their own lives - sometimes they might need an extra kindness. Being kind to people can be contagious and it is so important that we all stand together and stand up for each other.



The big news is we have a new Principal Mrs Rose Sawaya. Rose is a very experienced Catholic Principal coming to Bishop Viard College attracted by

the many wonderful things she has heard about the College and many things she already knows. She has seen our students at many Catholic celebrations like the O'Shea Shield over many years and believes this is a place where she can be happy and can help us focus on the students and their achievement. At a small function at school before the Board interviews, Rose said; "*I was at O'Shea Shield this year and saw the great way the students reacted and supported Mimisa when she won the Junior Samoan speech competition. It was something you can all be proud of.*" We look forward to welcoming Rose to the leadership of our College.

As the new Principal comes, Mrs Katie Willis a longstanding and much loved member of staff retires. Katie has been at BVC for 16 years and in education for over 30 years. She has had a long career in the classroom teaching hundreds of students. Not only that, she has spent much of her spare time volunteering in a wide variety of school activities outside the classroom. She has spent many winters on the netball courts; managing, coaching and encouraging, coordinated soccer, taken the Kapa Haka, arranged fantastic camps for many years and young Vinnies has been a special passion. Katie is teaching children of children she has taught and many of her own children and grandchildren are Viardians. Katie leaves a strong thread in the fabric that makes up the Bishop Viard College cloak and we wish her well in the next phase of her life.

This week we had a Super Study day for senior students. Staff provided workshops on; mind mapping, exam planning and time management, note taking and graphic organisers, revision posters and IT study skills sites and apps. Your students now have the skills to prepare well for their NCEA exams now all you have to do is make sure they have the time to study. I remember my eldest daughter was always on her phone or watching TV and would not study. So I locked her in the bedroom every night for two hours with her books and no phone. She passed her exams so I think she must have studied because she had nothing else to do. Sounds tough but it worked. I am sure your student will want to study. It is important they use the holidays wisely and get ahead for the exams. Have a corker holiday with your corker kids.

Ka kite ano and 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

Office hours

The office is open from 8.30am – 3.30pm

Email Addresses

Just a reminder that the email addresses for attendance/absence and late to school are:

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.

NCEA – The countdown is on!

Students should now be preparing for examinations and final assessments by:

- Quietly studying
- Asking their teachers questions
- Handing in practice and final work
- Making use of the extra study and exam practice sessions offered by their teachers

All students have been taught learning, study and revision skills this week, both in workshops and from their subject teachers.

Parents and caregivers, you can help your children by:

- Encouraging them to do all of the above :)
 - Helping them to eat and sleep well
 - Limiting distractions
 - Talking with or emailing teachers if you are unclear about anything
- Continuing to be awesome and supportive

Students will get individualised examination timetables at the start of next term. ***The exams begin on Monday 10 November and end on Tuesday 2 December.***

Please do not plan any holidays during this time; exam dates cannot be changed and students who do not attend cannot gain these credits at any other time.

For any concerns about examinations or final NCEA assessments, please contact :

Ms Alice Wards wardsa@viard.school.nz / 2375248 x204, Heads of Department, or individual subject teachers.

Yr 13 Formal

Unfortunately we had to cancel the formal and I know that left many students really sad. After talking with the students we have decided to combine the leaver's dinner and the formal into one event.

So Sunday 30 November at Mana Cruising club 7pm to 12.00pm the leaver's ball will be held. It is for All Year 13 and their partners and they may invite one Yr 12 with a partner to attend as their guest. Please encourage your Yr 13 to come and enjoy an evening with their friends. It is after NCEA and before the prize giving, so a perfect time for an end of schooling function.

Ticket price will be \$55- 60 depending on DJ and a couple of other things.

Homestays wanted

Do you enjoy the company of young people?

Do you have a spare room?

Can you provide 3 meals a day?

Bishop Viard College are going to be part of an exciting program and will be hosting 6 Brazilian students for two terms next year.

Payment for the homestay will be provided by the school.

If you are interested or want further information, please contact Lois Burns at burnsl@viard.school.nz or 2375248 ext220.

Reader /writers

Many thanks to our wonderful school friends and parents who acted as reader/writers for our recent school assessments. If you would like to help us make a difference for our students by being a reader/writer for assessments, please contact Lois Burns on the school number ext. 220.

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

School Blazers

The new look school blazer has arrived. They are made from a new cost effective, better look and feel fabric. The new price is \$215. This is much less than the previous blazer. We have a few in stock now. If you are interested in a blazer for 2015, please let your child come in for a fitting. Once we have all the sizes, we will be placing our bulk order.

Students are also encouraged to size and order school uniforms for 2015. This would ensure that your size and order is available. Please get in quick to make sure we have your required size for 2015.

Our Uniform Shop is open at the following times:

Tuesday	08.15 – 08.45 am
Wednesday	14.00 – 14.40 pm
Friday	08.15 – 08.45 am

For more information, please speak to Mrs Caroline Bezuidenhout @ 04-2375248 Ext 227.

Feel better with SPARX



SPARX is an online program designed to help you cope with those thoughts and feelings keeping you down. It's free to use – all you need is a computer with a good internet connection.

Try SPARX today: www.sparx.org.nz

Need help now?

If you want to talk to someone now:

Free phone: **0508 4 SPARX** (0508 477 279)

Free text: **SPARX to 234**

If it's an emergency **Dial 111**

Catholic Character

Mass & Liturgy Schedule for Term 3 in the Chapel

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

Term 4	Wednesday Morning Mass 8.00am
15 th October	Father Bill
22 nd October	RE Department
Tuesday 28 th October	Father John
5 th November	David and Lizzie Wootton
12 th November	Father Bill
19 th November	RE Department
Tuesday 25 th November	Father John
3 rd December	David and Lizzie Wootton

Being a Christian

One of our Board Members found an article, which his mother had kept, paying tribute to a former Bishop Viard student. In this article it quoted from an essay that was written by Kevin Swain. Kevin was tragically killed in an accident when he was in the 4th form at Bishop Viard. Three days before Kevin was killed he wrote an essay on 'What does my Religion mean to me? The following is an extract from this essay and his thoughts are still pertinent today.

"My religion, as far as I'm concerned is something to be proud of. It appears to be a guideline or direction-finder for my way of life. To be a good Christian is not an easy thing, but Christianity is really all about trying.

Trying to be Christ-like, trying to be thoughtful. With everything you do, that thought of being a Christian is in the back of your mind all the time, and there really is no escape from it. It also gives a better understanding and appreciation of nature. To think that 'God made this' or 'God created that' gives a new light to everything, and I feel very happy and grateful within myself." (Kevin Swain)

Each year the Kevin Swain Memorial Shield is awarded to a Year 9 or 10 student for their "Contribution to the Spirit of Bishop Viard College."

Curriculum Careers

Australian Mathematics Competition - 2014

The Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Thursday 7th August. Bishop Viard College had 35 entries from Year 7 to Year 13. This year we gained 13 certificates of Participation, 15 certificates of Proficiency and 7 certificates of Credit, which is an increase in the number of Proficiency and Credit certificates awarded from previous years. Congratulations to all students for giving this competition a go, and congratulations to our top performers for 2014;

Pati Fa'anoi	Certificate of Credit
Anton Rayner	Certificate of Credit
Stella Mitchell	Certificate of Credit
Robert Ogilvie	Certificate of Credit
Anna Rayner	Certificate of Credit
Teresa Rayner	Certificate of Credit
Simon Holden	Certificate of Credit

Junior School

Congratulations to all the Term 3 Junior School Merit certificate winners. The following students have been recognised for their achievements over this term.

Ares Adams
Leiken Perez-Saolele
Daniel Crichton
Seia Lolesio-Taulalo
Jacqueline Tautu
Rose-Marie Taulalo

Fa'asee Tamala-Mani - Merit Badge Winner
Eugene Nohe - Best Improvement in Comprehension
Callum Pascoe - Perseverance in Writing
Nikita Hunt - Dedication to Mathematics
Addison Dewsnap - Perseverance in Writing
Francis Poloie - Asking Questions to Clarify Information

Seng Hpraw La Hpai - Taking responsibility for his own learning
Raina Hawe-Moe - Improvement in his reading
Marcus Toru-Tyrell - Showing improvement in numeracy
Nevaeh Parker - Taking responsibility for her own learning
Alicia Wheaton - Taking responsibility for her own learning
Vanya Reedy - Taking part in class discussions
Julie Masoe - Merit Badge Winner

Art Examination Dates and Holiday Workshops

It's that really busy time for our Senior Art Students who need to complete their port-folios for external Examination.

To reduce the pressure on students this year the Art Department will be holding 5 workshops over the holidays. These will be open until 5pm every day after school until the 5th of November.

Holiday Workshops Open for Year 11, 12 and 13 Art students

Week 1 Workshops

Tuesday 12- 4pm
Wednesday 12-4pm
Thursday 12-4pm

Week 2 Workshops

Tuesday 12-4pm
Wednesday 12-4pm

Please bring a snack and something to drink.
This workshop is for Art students only.

How can you as a parent help?
Encourage your son or daughter to attend as many of these workshops possible. Set up an art space at home where your son or daughter can work without anyone interfering with their work.

Due Dates for Port Folios

Level 1 NCEA 20th October 5pm
Level 2 NCEA 28th October 5pm
Level 3 NCEA 5th November 5pm

We will have the Portfolios on display in the Arts/Technology area for you to come and see the wonderful work that has been achieved this year.

Level 1 Port Folios - Displayed 3.30pm - 5.00pm on 21st October
Level 2 Port Folios - Displayed 3.30pm – 5.00pm on 28th October
Level 3 Port Folios - Displayed 3.30 – 5.00pm on 5th November

Stars Program

The BVC STARS 2014 program came to a wonderful end on Wednesday night. We celebrated the year 9

students who completed all aspects of the program. From term one 5 day camp, Amazing Race, Community Project, and weekly mentor sessions, the program again was a great success. I would like to say a big thank you to the Foundation for Youth Development for all their support. Thank you to the group leaders: Helen Bean, Lui Lafou, Philip Muolo and Sister Malia. Through their dedication, love and continual support the program was a success. Congratulations to all the students who graduated. One year 9 student and one mentor were selected to receive the outstanding STARS award from their group. These students showed positive and consistent participation and contribution throughout the whole year.

These people are:

Dayna Blair, Colin McClean Togisala Melei, Vaipuna Siaunuu (mentors)
Lita-Rose Nimarota, Theodora Saumani, Simona Efaraimo, Wesley Ama (Year Nines)

Once again congratulations to all!

The next step is selecting mentors for the 2015 STARS programme. On Monday the 3rd of November at 6:00pm we will have an information evening for current year 8 students who will be participating in the STARS program next year.

RAISING PASIFIKA SUCCESS COMMUNITY FONO

We received the following letter from a very impressed parent regarding one of our students at BVC.

Dear Principal,
Last Thursday 28th August 2014 the above meeting was held at PIC House in Cannons Creek. The purpose was for the community to ask questions to a Political Panel from different Political Parties that had attended.

A community panel of Pasifika parents, Board of Trustee, teachers, and a student gave presentations. That student was Nadia Luketina from Bishop Viard College. I represented Russell School.

I was so impressed with Nadia`s presentation and so was everyone else present that night. She was awesome. She first acknowledged that she is a Bishop Viard College student, She was calm, speaks very clearly, eye contact with the audience, was very passionate about the topics that she was speaking about. From my perspective she was one of the two best speakers of the night.

As a parent who has a daughter attending BVC it felt so good.

Bishop Viard College should be very proud of Nadia and I`m sure her mum as well. She`s shows the quality of a very good public speaker. Who knows

one day she might become a future leader of New Zealand.

I believe she is worth mentioning in the school Newsletter.

Have a nice day.

Gateway

This is a reminder for all students interested in the Gateway programme 2015 to collect an enrolment form from the Careers Office to apply. The Gateway Programme is an excellent way to gain work based experience and credits toward NCEA. Gateway offers opportunities to explore various career options and make an informed decision on a future career. We only have limited space. If you are in Yr 12 & 13 in 2015 and interested in Gateway, please apply.

Sports

Winter Sport

Winter Sport has come to an end. This year we have done really well as a whole – here are the following results – **Rugby:** 1st XV placed 3rd in Premier 3, Girls team were Division 2 Champs and U15 finished 3rd in Division 1 and was placed 7th out of 16 teams at the Hurricanes U15 Tournament this year. Also our Intermediate Rugby team took part in the Watermans Tournament and we played 6th out of 16 teams. We had 8 players who made Wellington Rep teams in the U13, U16A, Girls U18 and Wellington Samoan Schools. Also we had 15 players selected for Development Week through the U16, U15 and U14 programme. **Football:** 1st XI finished 2nd in the Youth 5th Championship Grade, losing a close final with Wellington College 2-1, Junior XI was a very young team made up of Y7 and Y8 and they played against Y9 and Y10 in the Junior League: Division 5 and was placed 5th. Girls Team placed 5th in Division 3 in the Northern Zone League. **Basketball:** This year we fielded 2 Senior Boys team, 1 Senior Girls and 1 Junior Boys. Senior A Boys lost their final in Division 4 and finished 2nd, same with the Senior B Boys who finished 2nd in Division 6. The Girls this year were placed 5th in Division 4. Also our Junior Boys finished 3rd in Division 4 in the Junior Boys League. **Hockey:** This year our Boys Hockey team had 3 girls playing in the team and this year they were runners up after losing the final in the last minute of the game at 1-0 in the Reserve 3 Grade. **Badminton:** All our teams had a good season and won some and lost some. Best performing team was our Senior B Boys who won the Division 3 in the Northern League and went on to the Regional Champs for Division 3 and were placed 3 overall. **Netball:** A real mixed bag of results for all our girls this year, with 3 of our 4 senior teams finishing in the top 4. Also our 2 junior teams had a bad start and finished strong this year with the Jade team winning their grade.

I would also like to thank all the parents that have been helping with transport, managing, scoring, time keeping and coaching. Without your ongoing support, our students wouldn't be able to play sports and to achieve their goals within their teams. Also a huge thanks to Sam and Helen Jane for their ongoing support for Hockey, they will be sorely missed as they move on next year. A massive thank you to Katie Willis who is retiring from teaching and has been involved with Netball for 16 years at Bishop Viard and was always at the Mungavin courts from 830am to 3pm every winter and every Saturday, she will be missed.

On another note, a reminder that there are still a number of students who still have fees outstanding. Without this money, we wouldn't be able to pay off all our outstanding bills for our winter sports: eg laundry and equipment that have been purchased. We will be sending out letters of outstanding fees. If you have not already done so please arrange for your child's sports fees to be paid to the school office. Payment arrangements are accepted, for further information please contact Mrs Jo Wilson in Accounts ph 237-5248 ext 202. Thank You.

Coaches/Managers for 2015 – If there are any parents who are interested in coaching a Winter or Summer Sport Team next year or If there are sports that we currently don't offer and you are able to coach that sport. Please contact Mr Sam Leota on 2375248 ext 266 or by email leotas@viard.school.nz

Reminder – We have sports prize giving on the 29th October 2014 to will be held during the school assembly from about 10am to 1130am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Letter

We received the following letter from a parent:

Dear Mrs Kelly,
Last week I attended the last two days of the Hurricanes Secondary Schools rugby tournament at Saint Patricks College in Silverstream. The team I was supporting was Bishop Viard College, as my great nephew Ofisa Tamala-Mani was playing. Their behaviour on and off the field was impeccable. All of the boys are a credit to their college and the wider community of Porirua. I wish all of your support teams the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely

MANA AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB 2014-15 Season

For Children (5-15yrs) & Adults

Registrations

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th October
6 to 7pm at Adventure Park
Discovery Drive, Whitby

Season Starts

Tuesday 14th October, 6pm

Registration Enquiries

Contact Joanne on 235-7394

or visit

www.facebook.com/mana.athletics

www.sportsground.co.nz/manaathletics

Girls Football Team

Thank you to Porirua Pak n Save who have provided the Girls Football team with a new uniform. The team think they are fantastic and are looking forward to wearing them next season.



Coming Events

Oct 2014	
Mon 13th	Term 4 starts Yr7/8 options rotation School finishes at 2.10pm
Mon 27 th	School closed for Labour Day
Wed 29 th	Sports Prizegiving
Fri 31 st	All Saints Mass
Nov 2014	
Wed 5 th	Senior Award Ceremony Thanksgiving Liturgy Seniors last day
Thurs 6 th	7pm Remembrance Mass
Fri 7 th	Newsletter dispatched

Prayer

The Month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

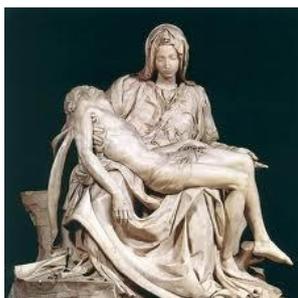
The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows falls right in the middle of the month, on September 15. This is because the day before, September 14, is the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. We celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death.

Through these prayers in September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.

To the Mother of Sorrows

Most holy Virgin and Mother, whose soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the Passion of thy divine Son, and who in His glorious Resurrection was filled with never-ending joy at His triumph; obtain for us who call upon thee, so to be partakers in the adversities of Holy Church and the sorrows of the Sovereign Pontiff, as to be found worthy to rejoice with them in the consolation for which we pray, in the charity and peace of the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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