



Villa Maria College NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 9 – 10 DECEMBER 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is it – the final newsletter for the year!

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers and family members who joined us at the Theatre Royal for Prize Giving last evening. It was a magnificent celebration of student achievement. I know you are even more proud of your daughters than we are! I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cassidy and her team for the organisation that ensured the success of the evening.

On Friday morning we have our Merit Assembly in which we recognise the other high achievers – academic, sporting and cultural. With you, we will then await the NCEA results in January.

Congratulations to all the award winners and congratulations to all the students who did their very best throughout the year. When you set goals and achieve them you have the endless satisfaction of knowing you made good choices and have met your own high standards.

As your daughter finishes Years 11, 12 or 13 on Friday she will be given her 2009 College Magazine. Congratulations to Ms Craig on her fantastic work to create a wonderful magazine for this year. You daughter will also bring home the ERO letter after the review visit and the Benchmark Indicators to which I referred at last night's Prize Giving. I know there are also a stationery list and a guideline as to the costs your daughter will incur in her studies next year.

Your daughter/s in Years 7-10 will also bring home her end of year reports. Take some time to discuss it with her and set goals for 2010 while the incentive is before you in the report. Then your daughter will begin the new year focussed on the next steps.

Please file this newsletter for future reference – starting dates for each year group; uniform shop dates; term dates for 2010 and so on.

Four Villa girls are included in the 2009 St Thomas' India Trip. Over the holidays we can take the opportunity to pray for a safe journey for Georgina and Courtney Milne; Ainsley Hood and Sophie Bonham.

I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and holy Christmas and a new year filled with hope and happiness.

TERM 1 2010

International Students :

Monday 25 January: Returning international students re-enrol in their year levels (see below)

Tuesday 26 January: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Orientation for new international students in the Library

Years 7 and 8

Friday 29 January: 9 am - 12:30 pm, meet in Room 1

Monday 1 February: 9:15 am new students to Auditorium, others to Vertical Groups

Year 9

Monday 1 February: 9:15 am Year 9 students to Auditorium

Year 10

Friday 29 January: 9 am to Auditorium (finish 10:30 am - returning students only)

Monday 1 February: 9:15 am new students to Auditorium, others to Vertical Groups

Year 11

Monday 25 January: 1 – 2 pm Re-Enrolment and Course Confirmation.

Friday 29 January: 10 am Auditorium (finish 11:30 am - returning students only)

Monday 1 February: 9:15 am new students to Auditorium, others to Vertical Groups

Year 12

Monday 25 January: 2–3 pm Re-Enrolment and Course Confirmation.

Tuesday 26 January: 9 am-12 pm Peer Support Training Auditorium

Friday 29 January: 11 am Auditorium (finish 12:30 pm returning students only)

Monday 1 February: 9:15 am new students to Auditorium, others to Vertical Groups

Year 13

Monday 25 January: 12 – 1 pm Re-Enrolment and Course Confirmation.

Friday 29 January: 8:35 am Hall for administration then Leadership workshop (finish 2:30)

Monday 1 February: 9:15 am new students Auditorium, others to Vertical Groups

Note: On Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February school will finish at 2:30 pm.

Change is possible:

One of the most successful global health initiatives in the world is a campaign to vaccinate children against measles. Led by the American Red Cross, the UN Foundation, WHO, UNICEF and the United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Measles Initiative has vaccinated over 500 million children since 2001, helping to reduce global measles mortality by 68% between 2000 and 2006. During the same time period in Africa, measles deaths plunged by 91% from 396,000 to 36,000 deaths—four years ahead of the United Nations goal to reduce deaths from the disease by 90% by 2010.

“Those who arrive at perfect love of God will feel such peace of soul as nothing can disturb.”

Catherine McAuley



SPORTS NEWS

Athletics – Good luck to Courtney Anngow, Flora Brocherie, Jessica Garlick, Holly Gibbs, Molly Lyons, Nicki McFadzien and Laura Smith who are competing at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs in Timaru this weekend.

Netball – anyone interested in attending specialist coaching sessions run by Canterbury Netball, with Tactix Players as coaches, can obtain the registration forms from Mrs Ratcliffe in the Sports Office. The sessions are on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 February.

Netball Coach - Applications for the Senior A Coach are invited. Applications must include your CV. Coaches are also required for other grades in the 2010 season. Please apply to The Secretary, Carmel Brown, 78 Bowenvale Ave, Cashmere, or via email typerite@xtra.co.nz. Applications close Friday 12 December 2009

TE WAI POUNAMU NETBALL TRIALS – Sunday 20 December, 4 pm, Hagley Courts – if you are interested please contact Kiri Thomson at kiri@livingstones.co.nz.

All 12 Christchurch Colleges involved in **rowing** get together each year for **Oarsome O'Fare** - a wonderful gala cocktail evening and silent auction, held in the showrooms of McKenzie & Willis. The Villa Maria College Rowing Club sees this event as their major fundraiser - all money from the sale of our tickets comes to our club. We ask local businesses to support us by donating goods and services for the silent auction. In the past we have been very fortunate to have had goods donated directly from people within the wider Villa community. We invite Villa families and friends to consider helping us - if you would like to donate an auction item or purchase a ticket (\$20) to this event which will be held **Friday 19 February 2010**, please contact Cathy Shingleton on 3426 026 or email icsingleton@gmail.com.

FITZ BOXING – SUMMER FUN 4 GIRLZ - Grab 2 friends and "GET READY TO LAUGH". This is the most FUN activity you will do this summer! Run by NZ Women's Olympic Boxing coach, Paul "Fitzzy" Fitzsimons. Incredible fun, a real blast, great for confidence, for girls only (13-18). For more information visit www.summerfun4girlz.com.

The Suscipe of Catherine McAuley

*My God, I am yours for time and eternity.
Teach me to cast my self entirely into the
arms of your loving providence with the
most lively, unlimited confidence in your
compassionate, tender pity.
Grant me, O most merciful Redeemer, that
whatever you ordain or permit may be
acceptable to me.
Take from my heart all painful anxiety;
Suffer nothing to sadden me but sin,
nothing to delight me but the hope of
coming to the possession of you, my God
and my all, in your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.*

CHRISTMAS TREES

Fundraiser for Villa Maria College Rowing
\$20 a tree (includes delivery)
Order now – delivered on Saturday, 12 December
Contact Carolyn Cantwell 358 2984 or 021 115 0752

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will re-open on Thursday 28 January 2010 1-5pm; thereafter from Monday 1 February 2010 - open as usual from 1-5pm.
Lisa Bennett, Shop Manager

Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Canterbury 2010

Youth Tramping/Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Bush Training
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Bush Training
River Safety Course
Application forms are available from Mrs Devonport.

TERM DATES 2010

Term 1: Friday 29 January – Thursday 1 April
Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July
Term 3: Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September
Term 4: Monday 11 October – Friday 10 December

Do all your christmas shopping from home at www.yourfastshop.co.nz and spend more time relaxing. Over 90 online stores and all shopping raises money for Villa Maria College.

- Books from online bookstores, The Nile and Fishpond.
- DVDs from Real Groovy.
- iPods, phones, laptops and more from Noel Leeming and Bond + Bond.
- Toys from IQ Toys and Mighty Ape.
- Gifts from Bestow Gifts.
- Xmas groceries from Woolworths Online and lots more!

Just go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz and select Villa Maria College for great discounts and online offers.

Our Lady of Victories School Fair – 7 March 2010:

These items are required for our school fair and garage sale: furniture, good household items, bikes, toys, books, etc (no broken items please). Items can be left outside the container at the school (behind OLV Church) before 9 am weekdays or 3 pm after school.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 11 December:

Vertical Group 8.30 am, Merit Assembly 8.45 am.
House Assemblies follow Assembly for Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10 to meet House Leaders 2010.
Yr 13 Graduation practice (bus leaves at end of Merit Assembly).
Yr 12 collect magazines Room 65 if sign out complete
Yr 11 begin sign out 10.15 in Auditorium
Yr 9/10 complete sign out 12.15 in Hall
Yr 7/8 complete sign out 12.15 in Rooms 1 & 2
Students will be released when sign out procedures are complete.

Saturday 12 December: NZSS Athletics Timaru

Yours sincerely

Mary Lynch
Principal