



# Villa Maria College NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 3 – 29 OCTOBER 2009

## Greetings Parents and Caregivers

It has been my pleasure over the weekend to read the senior reports. At each reporting cycle I am reminded the great learning and teaching relationships that are highlighted by the report comments. I know that preparing the comments and the practicalities of issuing the reports takes considerable time and thought; I encourage you and your daughter to discuss the comments and set in place the best course of action for her to succeed at the highest levels in the external examinations.

Now, it is timely to address the upcoming examinations and/or tests for students in Years 7-10. It is opportune for you to discuss with your daughter the end of unit comments in each of her learning areas. Over the year you ought to have received, read and discussed with her about 50 such end of unit reports. As your Y9-10 daughter moves towards examinations, these reports will give a good indication of her learning to date. They will highlight areas for revision and will help her organise her revision programme. Parents/caregivers and teachers want each student to achieve to the very best of her ability.

This newsletter celebrates the sporting success of many students. There are also many opportunities for new and different activities. Tonight the Zonta Awards celebrate the sporting success of a number of Villa girls! No doubt next week there will be a full report. It is difficult when Villa has individual NZ representatives in different codes competing against each other!

We congratulate each and every student who has represented the College, Canterbury, South Island and New Zealand in special character, academic, cultural and sporting endeavours this year. We admire your talent and determination to succeed in your chosen activity.

Our prayers continue for students and staff who are anxious about injury or sickness in the lives of loved ones. May God bless them with strength, wisdom and peace.

"Find out about a bold new initiative for our environment, 350 Aotearoa", this week on [www.inspirationaltv.net](http://www.inspirationaltv.net).

*"Each day is a step towards eternity,  
and we shall continue to step from day to day until we take the  
last step, which will bring us into the Presence of God;  
let us always walk before Him  
in anticipation of that day."*

**Catherine McAuley**

## LANGUAGES FACULTY

Last term, students learning Japanese and German at Villa were invited to participate in the Language Perfect Competition for learning vocabulary. This competition was open to all schools in New Zealand and Australia, and some even further afield. The following students have received certificates for outstanding results:

Gold: **Veronica Kinsman** (Japanese)

Silver: **Breanne Ealam** (Japanese), **Kathy Quan** (Japanese), **Jordan Hoult** (German), **Lucy-Anne Wingrove** (German)

Bronze: **Ali Aikin** (Japanese), **Jessica Grant** (Japanese), **Min Jung Kwon** (Japanese), **Holly Moffett** (Japanese), **Hannah Rice** (Japanese), **Sophie Jordan** (German)

Credit: **Jessica Bartlett** (Japanese), **Charlotte Anderson**

(German), **Min Kyung Kim** (Japanese), **Georgia Lory** (Japanese), **Charlotte McNaughton** (Japanese), **Beth Paine** (Japanese), **Hiraina Tangiora** (Japanese), **Olivia Bell** (German)

Congratulations to these students and to all those who participated in the competition.

*Mary Daley*

## CON BRIO'S UNIFORM COMPETITION

Do you think your daughter is the next Trelise Cooper, then this is the competition for her. We want a creative individual to design the new uniform for the College's award-winning Choir, **Con Brio**. The closing date is Monday, 1 February 2010. Excellent prizes are available for the winner and runners-up. Entries are welcome from all ages, please check the College's website or see Miss Bennewith for further information about the requirements. Good luck and get designing!

**The Uniform Shop** is open from 1 pm to 5 pm every Monday this term. Current Yr 12 students may choose to arrange for braiding to be added to their old-style blazers before next year. As the only year group in the old-style uniform, they will be clearly Yr 13 and Leaders. This service is offered by two local sewing professionals: Mrs Roche, phone 354 2222 and Mrs Harper, phone 348 3362. Cost \$45 (includes braid). Parents, please be aware that the braid has to be ordered ex-Australia, so it would be necessary to book your blazer in as soon as possible for working over the summer holidays. Any queries, please give me a call on 348 4165 ext. 855.

*Lisa Bennett*, Uniform Shop Manager

## PRIZE GIVING

Villa Maria Prize Giving will be held on Wednesday, 9 December at 6.30 pm. Please arrive from 6.00 pm so we can begin promptly at 6.30 pm. *Attendance at Prize Giving is compulsory for all students. Tickets for parents will be available from Monday, 23 November at no cost.* Students will be able to pick up tickets from the Student Office. There are limited numbers for wheelchair access, so please ask for Level 1 if there is a disability requirement. There will be a **limit of TWO tickets for each family**. If any tickets are taken and not needed, please return them to the Student Office for redistribution. Students may then collect extra tickets on the day of the Prize Giving. (Please note that all families have been sent an invitation in the post, not a ticket).



**SPORTS NEWS**

**Congratulations to:**

**Swimming – Rachel Craythorne** (Year 12) who competed in the NZ Spring Short Course Champs at QEII in the first week of the holidays. She came 8<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand for 200m Backstroke in the 17 and over age group and was racing against NZ's Olympic swimmers! Rachel then travelled to Wellington in the second week for the Surf Pool Nationals and won Gold in the Line Throw for the 17-19 age group and then went on to win Gold again for this event in the Open age group. This is an amazing achievement and we presume you have come back to school for a rest!!!

**Touch –Melissa Burrell, Sarah Eaton and Chelsea Ziolo** (Year 11) who have been selected in the U17 Canterbury training squad which will be travelling to Oamaru on 15 November. From this squad a team will be picked to play in the South Island IPS at QEII on 19 & 20 December. Following that tournament there will be another team picked to represent the Mainland (South Island team) and travel to the U17 nationals in April 2010, so we wish all three the best for this.

**Hockey – Anastasia Loeffen** (Year 7) who competed in the Canterbury Primary Development Girls' Squad at the South Island Festival in Oamaru in the holidays. To qualify for this development squad you must be in Year 7 or below.

**Netball Summer Camp 2010** – This is camp held by Canterbury Netball on 15-18 January at Canterbury University College of Education. If anyone would like further information please call Catherine Ratcliffe on x830.

**Villa Maria College Netball Club** – New committee members are urgently needed! If your daughter plays netball for Villa, your help on the committee would be much appreciated. If you think you can help please contact Maria Foster (Chairperson) 349 9658.

**Cheerleaders** – Give It A Go Day – At Olympia Gym on Saturday 1 November, 5.30-6.30pm. For more information email [janeholmes@clear.net.nz](mailto:janeholmes@clear.net.nz)

**Canterbury Sailing School** – For more information on Learn to Sail Courses contact [info@canterburysailing.co.nz](mailto:info@canterburysailing.co.nz)

The College is very grateful for the support of the Mainland Foundation for its contribution of \$4,000.00 towards the purchase of a new rowing quad for use by the College rowing club. Our rowers train very hard each year and achieve creditable results. The purchase of this quad will support their on-going training and competition efforts.



**MAINLAND FOUNDATION**  
Proud to Support Our Community

**Change is possible:** Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and many other countries have abolished fees for primary schools resulting in dramatic increases in enrolment during the space of a few years.

**The Canterbury Business Association presents a Multicultural Drum Dance and Marimba Show and Workshops – October 31.** Featuring Ra of Koru Community Dance Theatre and Djembe Tahī African Drumming Group, Japanese Drumming Group – Takumi & Knocking On Wood Marimba Band will offer great entertainment and fun for the family to enjoy, come and join in the fun. With special guests Women In Harmony Choir. There will be Drum and Dance workshops for kids and parents between 11 am and 4.30 pm. To book tickets or for more information e-mail [events@canterburybusiness.org.nz](mailto:events@canterburybusiness.org.nz) or call Taz 027 273 8815 or message 379 4222.

**EF – HIGH SCHOOL YEAR OVERSEAS**

Education First will hold an information meeting on their 'High School Year Overseas' programme on Monday, 23 November at CPIT (Room L203, Madras Street) from 7 to 8.30 pm. Find out more and register online at [www.ef.com/highschool](http://www.ef.com/highschool).

**Gap Year Au Pair Programme to the USA:** If you

- Have good babysitting experience
- Hold a NZ driver's licence
- Love travel and childcare

Then visit [www.ark-international.co.nz](http://www.ark-international.co.nz)

**STREET TALK DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE-Land Transport**

**New Zealand approved course:** This course takes 6 months off the time needed on restricted licence. There are four class sessions followed by a 1 hour driving session with a driving instructor in session 5. Cost \$155.00 Please send enrolment form and payment to Fusion Driver Education, P O Box 19672, Woolston, Christchurch. If you need further information our website is [www.fusiontrust.co.nz](http://www.fusiontrust.co.nz) or Email: [Carolyn@fusiontrust.co.nz](mailto:Carolyn@fusiontrust.co.nz). Phone 376 4997. (We run courses monthly during the year and all school holidays).

<b>November</b>	Upper Riccarton Library, Main South Road, Upper Riccarton	16-18-23-25th 6-8pm
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**Really Useful Resources, *the head starter*,** for NZ's best Revision Guides and Study Cards. Did you know you can buy revision guides and study cards at up to 28% discount on line? Easy ordering online. Pass NCEA. Websiste [www.rur.co.nz](http://www.rur.co.nz).

**ATTENTION YEAR 11 STUDENTS**

Check out website [www.soundclassroom.com](http://www.soundclassroom.com) - a website for NCEA Level 1 Science students which has lots of free content available that you may take advantage of leading up to exams.

**CANTEEN**

Our grateful thanks to the parents helping in the Canteen next week: *Vicki Tinkler, Sarita McLean, Maree Blair, Joanne Ryder, Trudi Nelis.*

**COMING EVENTS**

- Friday 30 October:** Service Assembly
- Monday 2-Thursday 12 November:** Yr 9/10 Study Skills
- Friday 6 November:** West Zone Athletics
- Monday 9 November:** Thanksgiving Mass 10.00 am
- Monday 16-Wednesday 18 November:** Yr 9/10 Exams
- Monday 16 November-Friday 5 December:** NCEA Exams
- Friday 13 November:** Show Day – school closed
- Wednesday 18 November:** Wednesday sport concludes
- Wednesday 25 November:** Itinerant Music Concert P.3
- Monday 30 November-Friday 4 December:** Yr 10 Camp, Yr 9 Integrated Studies Week
- Tuesday 1 December:** Canty Primary Schools Athletics
- Wednesday 9 December:** Prize Giving Issac Theatre Royal 6.30 pm
- Friday 11 December:** Merit Assembly, Graduation, T4 ends
- Saturday 12 December:** NZSS Athletics Timaru

Yours sincerely

Mary Lynch  
Principal