



Villa Maria College NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 5 – 20 AUGUST 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for accommodating the Paid Union Meeting time this morning. It was good to see a number of girls in the LIRC working on homework or assignments under the supervision of non-PPTA teachers. These times provide an ideal opportunity for senior students to use computers and other resources to complete assignments. A reminder that Monday 24 August is a Teacher Only Day and students will not attend school. Again, if senior students need to use resources please see classroom teacher and/or LIRC manager.

Years 7 and 8 students have invited Bishop Barry Jones to visit Mrs Devonport's class tomorrow morning. We are delighted that Bishop Barry can join us for morning tea afterwards.

This week we say farewell to Mr Simon Taylor who goes to CBHS. Mr Taylor has been teaching Geography and Social Studies this year while Mrs Nicholson has been on leave. We thank Mr Taylor for his work at Villa and wish him well for the future. We also say farewell to Ms Rose Gregory and Ms Jane Godfrey who have been sharing Mr Just's English classes. We thank them for their generous work at Villa and wish them well for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Just back next week.

We welcome Ms Sarah Campbell as assistant teacher of Religious Education for the remainder of Term 3. In Term 4 Mr Darryl Shute takes up the position of Assistant Director of Religious Studies and Ms Paula Frew as T-i-c Health and assistant teacher of Physical Education in Mrs Wilson's maternity leave position.

I cannot remember a year where we have had so many staffing changes. Mr Schreurs has done a tremendous job with timetabling all the changes and ensuring that students have qualified teachers for every class. Mr Baugh has assumed responsibility (again) for the timetable and will work miracles for this year and scaffold the timetable for next year's classes.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Board Chair, Ms Virginia Noonan, her husband Aaron Richards and young Thomas on the safe arrival last Monday of Emma Maree – a bonny 9 lb 6 oz. We pray that God will abundantly bless this family and all our Villa families.

We remember in our prayers all who are sick or grieving at the loss of loved ones.

*Congratulations to
Julia Schultze, Year 13,
who has been accepted for Outward Bound
in the school holidays. Good luck, Julia!*

"My God, look down with pity and mercy on your afflicted poor and give us the grace to do all we can for their relief and comfort. We must humbly ask your blessing this day in the name and for the sake of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Catherine McAuley

SUBJECT CHOICES 2010

A reminder about the subject choice evening, tonight 7.00-9.00 pm. Yrs 10, 11 and 12 students and parents can come any time during the evening to view displays. Students will be given a map to show where subject displays are situated. This is an opportunity to learn about subject choices for next year and discuss with subject teachers.

Subject choice forms are to be handed in to the Student Office by Tuesday 25 August.

TAHITI EXCHANGE

Attention Year 11-13 students learning French: The information and application details for the 2009 outbound exchange to Tahiti are posted on www.tahitiexchange.org.nz. Completed applications must be received by 18 September. This year's group will leave on Christmas Day and return on 24 January. Thanks to the New Zealand-France Friendship Fund, which subsidises the exchange - the cost to students will be kept to \$1500 for airfares (ex Auckland), taxes and insurance.

Year 13 Retreat

Living Springs Monday 14/Tuesday 15 September

Permission slips must be returned to the Student Office by Wednesday 26 August. Thank you.

Millennium Development Goals Awareness-Raising Breakfast

The Mercy Action group have organised the fifth of these breakfasts on **Wednesday 26 August 7.30-8.30 am** in the College Auditorium (doors open at 7.15 am). The focus will be on **Goal 1 – Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger**. Brodie House will be hosting the breakfast and all other students, parents and friends are welcome to attend. If you know past pupils from Brodie House please encourage them to come also. Tickets are \$8.00 available from Yr 13 Brodie students.

FROM THE PTA

The next **PTA meeting is on Tuesday 1 September** 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room - all welcome.

You will have received the **PTA Raffle Books** in the post - \$2.00 per ticket or \$20.00 per book. **The Raffle closes Wednesday 26 August** so please return all books, sold and unsold, by this date please. Extra books are available. Contact the Chairperson, Brendan Morahan, 027 434 7355 if you have any queries.

"To people that know love, community is the way to go".
Building community this week on
www.inspirationlty.net.

FEES FOR ENTRY TO QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

**Please pay NZQA fees to the College by
Monday 31 August**



SPORTS NEWS

Netball – congratulations and good luck to the seven teams we have competing in semi-finals this Saturday – come along and support them at Hagley:

Villa Team	Verse	Court	Time
B	STMG B	18	1.15
F	BELF F	10	11.25
M	BUHS C	20	1.15
N	STNI R	20	11.25
R	RRGS Q	8	12.20
T	RRGS U	8	11.25
U	SUBR E	18	12.20

Volleyball – Abbey Holloway and Emily Rasmussen have been selected in the Canterbury U15 Volleyball squad. The development squad trains to improve on all volleyball skills over 4 weeks. After this the official Canterbury teams will be chosen for a tournament against Tasman, Otago and Hawkes Bay either late September or early October. We wish both Abbey and Emily well in their training.

Entertainment Books – still some left – please contact the College Office – 348 4165 extn 881.

LIFE SKILLS FOR TEENAGERS

Discovery is a high energy, 7-day residential programme to assist teenagers to realise their potential. Discovery is designed to develop personal responsibility, confidence and self-esteem. It's a unique academic and personal growth experience that shows teenagers how to learn quickly, confidently and successfully.

Come to a **Free Information Evening** and go into the draw to **WIN one free place** on the October Discovery programme.

Free Information Evening TONIGHT 7.30-9.00pm

Thursday 20 August

Open Polytech, 166 Moorhouse St, Christchurch

Phone 0800 493 968 for a Free Information Pack.

info@discoveryforteens.co.nz www.discoveryforteens.co.nz

Change is possible:

With support from various organisations, African countries such as Niger, Togo and Zambia have successfully launched national campaigns for measles vaccination and distribution of anti-malaria bed nets. These campaigns led to at least a halving of malaria incidence.

STREET TALK ADVANCED DRIVING SKILLS

School Holidays September 2009

Reduce the time to your full licence by 6 months. You must have held your restricted drivers licence for 6 months to be able to attend. Street Talk is made up of four group sessions of two hours each and one practical coaching and assessment session with an accredited Driving instructor Session 5. Check website for other dates. For bookings phone Carolyn Green 376 4997, 027-229-8018 or download a form from www.fusiontrust.co.nz

July 2009 Cost \$155.00

Monday 28-Wednesday 30 September, Friday 2-Monday 5 October at Upper Riccarton Library Community Room, Main South Road

**FUNDING AVAILABLE
OUT OF SCHOOL TUITION
SPREAD THE WORD!**

Out of School Tuition is a programme that offers 10 tuition sessions (over 1 school term) to Ngāi Tahu children. It provides additional support, both remedial (catch-up) and extension (for gifted children) and for senior secondary students sitting examinations in Term 4.

To be eligible to enroll, applicants must be:

- Aged between 8 and 18 years; or 5-18 if attending Kura Kaupapa
- Attending school; and
- Registered with Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu.

Further information and application form contact Kiri Fraser DD 034742759 0800WHAIRAWA kiri.fraser@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

A reminder to students who received trophies at last year's Prize Giving – please return them to the College cleaned and engraved by the end of this term.

CANTEEN

Our grateful thanks to the parents helping in the Canteen next week: *Sarita McLean, Margaret Dods, Jo Munro.*

COMING EVENTS

Friday 21 August: Effort & Attitude Reports, Yr 10 German Oskar Competition, Basketball concludes

Monday 24 August: Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 25 August: SUBJECT CHOICE FORMS to be handed in at Student Office, Yr 12 Chemistry Field Day

Wednesday 26 August: Wednesday Sport concludes

Wed 26 Aug-Tue 1 Sept: Correspondence School Practice Exams

Thursday 27 August: Public Health Nurse Clinic at lunchtime

Thu 27/Fri 28 /Sat 29 August: Big Sing Finale Dunedin

Saturday 29 August: Equestrian Champs

Monday 31 August-Friday 4 September: Tournament Week

Tuesday 8-Friday 11 September: Yr 13 Prelim Exams

Thursday 10 September: Public Health Nurse Clinic at lunchtime

Friday 11-Wednesday 16 September: Yr 12 Prelim Exams

Monday 14-Wednesday 16 September: Yr 11 Prelim Exams

Monday 14-Tuesday 15 September: Yr 13 Retreat Living Springs

Tuesday 15 September: Christchurch Orchestra Festival

Thursday 17 September: Yr 12 Leadership Day

Tuesday 22 September: Kore Theatre Company Yrs 11 12 13

Thursday 24 September: Mercy Day- special visitors

Friday 25 September: Term 3 ends

Sat 26 Sun 27 Mon 28 Sept: NZSS Cycling

Tuesday 6-Friday 9 October: NZSS Netball

Monday 12 October: Term 4 begins

Yours sincerely

Mary Lynch
Principal