



Villa Maria College NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 6 – 27 AUGUST 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your co-operation with the Paid Union Meeting last Thursday and the Teacher Professional Development Day on Monday. It was disappointing to have so many girls late to school on Friday because they were out of routine or because their parents were at work and the girls lacked self-management skills. We will continue to work with them to improve punctuality!

You will be aware that cuts in education budgets are a hot topic of conversation. Every school in New Zealand stands to lose the equivalent of one teacher if the \$50m is cut from Teachers' Salaries. Integrated Schools such as Villa Maria College survive because of Government funding to maintain the buildings, pay the salaries and the running costs. However, Integrated Schools are not included in the \$1.5 billion dollars the Government has set aside for fibre optic high speed broadband access for every student.

Con Brio has arrived in Dunedin and will be competing today and tomorrow. We are immensely grateful to Jean Cumming who has assumed the role of choir director in Rosemary Turnbull's absence. We ask God's blessing on Rosemary and her family at this time. We know the girls will perform outstandingly as a tribute to Rosemary.

We take this opportunity to give our tournament teams best wishes for next week: South Island Netball Championships take place in Timaru, First XV Rugby compete at Burnside Park, First XI Hockey in Rotorua, First X1 Football at Avonhead Park and the Cycling Team competes in Blenheim. Last week the cycling girls won the Litloff Cup for the eighth time. At Monday's Assembly we celebrated the largest number of medal winners ever!

I take this opportunity to remind you to return Parent Teacher Association (PTA) raffle books. These generous supporters of and workers for Villa Maria raised and contributed \$27,000 to upgrade a computer suite. We gratefully appreciate their commitment and work and encourage you to support the PTAs efforts on behalf of all our students. Thank you PTA Committee.

FROM THE PTA

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

"St Teresa tells us that we must leave God for God, that is we must be ready to quit even God in prayer in order to find God in assisting our neighbour."

Catherine McAuley

Dear Parents

The Ministry of Education have advised us following an audit that we need more detailed information regarding your daughter's absences in order to enter the appropriate coding on the data base. **In future, please be more specific when you leave a message or contact the College and indicate whether the absence is due to sickness, medical/dental appointment, bereavement, family emergency or other reason.** With examinations around the corner, all appointments need to be scheduled outside of school hours unless there is no other option, so please insist on this to your providers in order to avoid your daughter missing out on valuable teaching and learning.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Megan Cassidy, Assistant Principal

Remember to watch ACTIVATE this Saturday TV2 at 9.30 am to see the Villa team compete against Riccarton High School.

SUBJECT CHOICES 2010

If your daughter has not handed in her subject choices for next year, please make sure she does so immediately. For subjects with limited numbers, preference will be given to those students who have handed in their forms on time.

**"A good enough death"- a way of thinking about our mortality this week on www.inspirationaltv.net.
Great for sharing with a friend.**

ATTENTION YEAR 13 STUDENTS AND PARENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Take a look at the many schemes available to help fund study at a Tertiary level on the College Intranet. To log in to the College Intranet from home:

<http://intranet.villa.school.nz>.

There are two pathways:

1. Database of Scholarships – left column + link.
2. Breakout link on Intranet.

Mrs Marie Macquet, Careers Advisor

FEES FOR ENTRY TO QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

Please pay NZQA fees to the College by
Next Monday 31 August.



Year 13 Examinations Tue 8–Fri 11 September

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8.45 – 11.45 am	English	Classics Accounting German	Media Studies Physics	Chemistry Art History Economics
Afternoon 1pm–4pm	Biology ESOL	Statistics Japanese	History Drama Phys (prac)	Calculus Geography Music French

Years 11/ 12 Examinations Mon 14–Thu 17 September

	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Morning 8.45 – 11.45 am	12 Eng 11 Dra 11 Jap 11 Mao 11 Lat	12 Mat 11 Geo 11 Art	11 Sci 12 Geo 12 Cla 171	11 Mat 12 Phy 12 Dra R63
Afternoon 1pm–4pm	11 His 11 Fod 12 Che 12 Eco 12 Fre	11 Eng 12 Acc 12 Mes R61	11 Mus 11 Imm 12 His 12 Jap 12 Mao	12 Bio 11 Eca 11 Ger 11 Fre

SPORTS NEWS

Netball – After some very tight fought games last Saturday we now have three Villa teams who have proceeded to the finals this Saturday....come along and support our teams –

Grade	Team	Verse	Time	Court
U19 Div 1	B	Midd A	11.25	3
U19 Div 3	F	Subu G	11.25	16
U15 Div 2	N (Yr 10C)	CGHS M	10.30	11

Netball Prize Giving – please note **Sunday 20th September at 2.00 pm** in your diary. All players, coaches and parents are welcome to the break-up in the Auditorium. Afternoon tea will be served following the prize-giving.

Basketball – Last Friday saw the last games of the 2009 Basketball season played. Congratulations to all teams and especially to place getters: Open Div 3 S2 - Blue – 1st; Intermediate Div 1 – 3rd; Intermediate Div 3 S1 Yellow – 3rd. We also say a huge thanks to all the coaches, managers and supporters!

Our New Zealand reps in Cycling and Waterpolo have returned from their travels. Well done to **Elizabeth Steel** who came 12th in the Womens' Individual Pursuit at the World Junior Cycling Champs in Moscow and to **Johanna Theelen** and **Alexandra Boyd** whose NZ Junior Waterpolo Team came 11th at the World Junior Champs in Kanty-Mansyisk in Russia. These results are fantastic based on a world-wide scale!

Next week we have teams competing in Winter Tournaments around the country. We hope you all have safe and successful trips – good luck to:

Cycling Team – competing in the South Island Secondary Schools' Cycling Champs in Blenheim, 31 Aug-1 Sep.

1st XI Football Team – competing at the Southern Satellite Tournament here at Avonhead Park, Christchurch, 31 Aug – 4 Sep.

1st XI Hockey Team – competing at the Marie Fry Tournament in Rotorua, 31 Aug – 4 Sept.

Senior A Netball Team - competing at the South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Champs in Timaru, 31 Aug – 3 Sept

Rugby Team – competing in the Tens Tournament at Burnside Park, Christchurch, 3 Sep.

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. 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. 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

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: *Clare Hardman, Julie Fullen, Maree Blair, Lois Smith.*

Change is possible: In Niger, hundreds of thousands of people in rural communities greatly improved their livelihoods and reduced their vulnerability to droughts through large-scale reforestation driven by national policy reforms.

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

**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.

COMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 13 October: Volleyball begins

Wednesday 14 October: Wednesday sport begins

Wednesday 14-Friday 16 October: Yr 7/8 Camp Woodend

Thursday 22 October: Senior Reports issued

Monday 26 October: Labour Day

Yours sincerely

Mary Lynch
Principal