



Villa Maria College NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 1 – 23 JULY 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 3. I hope that you and your daughters have enjoyed the change of pace that holidays bring. I also hope that you have not been affected by the various illnesses that are prevalent at this time. For your information we include the latest update information from the Ministry of Health. If your daughter is unwell and has any of these symptoms please contact the Healthline/your doctor before sending her to school. I am aware that measles may also be present in our community and the symptoms are similar before the spots appear!

Influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu

Signs and symptoms of the new Influenza A (H1N1) virus are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and can include:

- fever (a temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue.

Some people also experience diarrhoea and vomiting. Also, like seasonal flu:

- the worst symptoms usually last about five days, but coughing can last up to two to three weeks
- some very young children, people with some long-term medical conditions, pregnant women, and older people, can get very sick
- in rare instances severe illness and death can occur.
- Healthline 0800 611 116 or your healthcare provider.

Reminder to watch TV2 this Saturday!

We ask your prayers for members of our school community and their loved ones who are sick at this time. We pray that God will bless them and their caregivers with peace and strength.

Chess

Our College Chess Team gained third place in the Christchurch Girls' Chess Competitions. Congratulations to **Emily Sunter, Brogan Adcock, Maria Thwaites, Olivia Jennings and Alice Clarkson** who all represented the College admirably.

"What a consolation to serve Jesus Christ himself, in the person of the poor and to walk the very same path He trod."

Catherine McAuley

Riccarton Rotary Club Speech Finals

Congratulations to our Years 7/8 students who competed in the speech competition on 30 June at Avonhead School.
Megan Nelis Year 8 - 3rd place (The Quirky English Language)
Isabella Walsh Year 7 - 2nd place (Speeches)

Don't forget to watch *Activate* TV2 this Saturday 25 July at 9.30 am. See our Villa team in action against Mt Aspiring College.

Music Department News

(1) Showcase II Concert

The Music department will be holding a Showcase II Concert will on Wednesday 12th August in the Auditorium from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Tickets \$20 Adult and \$10 child. Tickets will be available at Student Office. Drinks and nibbles will be provided afterwards. This concert is a fundraiser for Con Brio who successfully gained a place in the National Big Sing in Dunedin.

(2) Villa Maria Jazz Band

Good luck to Mr Gallaher and Jazz Band who will be representing the College by showcasing their talents at the 2009 JazzQuest Competition. They will be performing at 10:00am this Sunday at the CPIT Jazz School (Corner of High Street & Madras Street) Admission is by gold coin donation.

We pray for the more than 50% of Africans who suffer from water-related diseases such as cholera and infant diarrhoea.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish on Sunday 2nd August Please contact Sister Marietta Ph 355 0959 or the Parish Office Ph 355 8055 to register or for more information.

FROM THE PTA

There is a limited number of **Entertainment Books** available from the Main Office (\$65).

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August at 7.30 pm in the College Meeting Room. The September meeting will be held Tuesday 1st at 7.30 pm.

There is "a mountain" of Lost Property outside the Student Office from the end of last term. Please remind your daughter to check for any missing items of clothing, uniform, school/sports shoes. Also we have 3 new scarves, all unnamed.



SPORTS NEWS

We have some wonderful results to report on from various events over the holidays:

South Island Secondary Schools' Swimming – Rachel Craythorne (Yr 12) had a fantastic meet. She came away with a 1st place in the Girls Open 200 Backstroke, 2nd in 15 & Over 100 Backstroke and 3rd in 15 & Over 100 Breaststroke. Many thanks to Ms Dwan for her support with the team.

South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Development Tournament – Our Year 9A came 5th out of 32 teams – a great effort. Well done to our year 10A team who won all their pool play games, post-pool games, quarter and semi final to come against CGHS in the final. CGHS were too strong for us, but being 2nd in the South Island is a fantastic achievement! Thanks to the coaches: Jo Weston and Robyn Fleck. Congratulations to **Lucy Shingleton** (Yr 9) who was named as a talented player and to **Katie Rasmussen** (Yr 12) who was named as a talented umpire.

Oamaru Girls' Rugby Festival – Our team came 8th and improved from game to game. Thanks to Mrs Wilson for travelling with the team and to coaches, Dave and Jonny.

South Island Secondary Schools' Cycling Championships – Some fantastic results follow:

Carly Burgess	1 st Under 20 Team Time Trial
Chloe McCaughan	1 st Under 15 Individual Time Trial 1 st Under 16 Team Time Trial 3 rd Under 15 Road Race
Rebecca Heffernan	3 rd Under 20 Team Time Trial
Emily Mercer	1 st Under 16 Individual Time Trial 1 st Under 16 Team Time Trial 2 nd Under 16 Road Race
Haley Mercer	1 st Under 20 Individual Time Trial 1 st Under 20 Team Time Trial
Georgina Milne	3 rd Under 16 Team Time Trial
Sophie Rhodes	3 rd Under 20 Team Time Trial
Olivia Simmons	3 rd Under 16 Team Time Trial
Cara Smith	2 nd Under 20 Individual Time Trial 1 st Under 20 Team Time Trial 3 rd Under 20 Road Race
Jasmin Smith	3 rd Under 16 Team Time Trial 3 rd Under 16 Road Race
Victoria Steel	2 nd Under 16 Individual Time Trial 1 st Under 16 Team Time Trial 1 st Under 16 Road Race
Olivia Wieblitz	2 nd Under 17 Individual Time Trial 3 rd Under 20 Team Time Trial

Villa was also the winner of the **Hayden Godfrey Challenge Cup** with the most points overall. Thanks to Ms Holdstock, Kevin Searle and Paul Flattery for their commitment to the team!

Congratulations to other Villa students:

- Georgia Mackwell** was 2nd in the Primary Schools' Cross Country at the end of last term.
- Nicki McFadzien** was 1st in the Canterbury U19 Cross Country Champs and **Flora Brocherie** was 3rd in the same race.
- Laura Foster** and **Sophie Shingleton** were part of the U16 Christchurch team which was 2nd in the **Netball Otago U17 Tournament** in Dunedin during the holidays. Sophie was one of the identified talented players of the tournament.
- Hannah Martin** and **Victoria Steel** were in the U16B Canterbury Hockey team which won the National B Championships in Palmerston North and **Eden Holmes** in the U18B's came 2nd.

Easy shopping for you – easy fundraising for us!

At leading stores including Noel Leeming, Bond & Bond, Dominos Pizza, Dell and many more, you can shop for DVDs, fashion, holidays, baby and home items, iPods, books, magazines, toys, gifts, electrical and even your groceries! Just select Villa Maria College when you shop or browse online at www.yourfastshop.co.nz.

Blue Light Disco at St Thomas of Canterbury College

On August 7th, 7-10 pm, there is a Blue Light disco for Years 9/10 students from Villa, St Thomas' and Riccarton High School. This will be supervised by police and the cost is \$5 a ticket. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite super hero/cartoon character, and a 'mystery celebrity' will be at this televised telethon event, raising money for Kids Can Stand Tall.

MARIAN COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

The Marian College Past Pupils' Association would like to invite past students from Marian College, McKillop College & St Mary's College (Christchurch) to an evening of catch up with one another on **Thursday 20 August at 7.30 pm**. Drinks and nibbles will be complimentary, so for catering purposes please send your intention to attend to exec@mariancollege.school.nz by 13 August at the latest. We hope that many of you will be able to attend and encourage you to bring along other past students who may not receive this notice.

CANTEEN

Our grateful thanks to the parents helping in the Canteen next week: *Lisa Middleton, Karen Fitzpatrick, Paige Smith, Sonya Fitzgerald-Smith.*

FEES FOR ENTRY TO QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

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

COMING EVENTS

Friday 24 July: Basketball resumes
Saturday 25/Sunday 26 July: Jazz Quest
Tuesday 28 July: CSS Duathlon
Wednesday 29 July: Pasifika Evening 7.30-9.30 pm LIRC
Thursday 30 July: Itinerant Music Concert 7.00 pm Auditorium
Tuesday 4 August: ICAS English Assessment, Yrs 7/8 Winter Tournament
Friday 14 August: Assumption Day Mass, House Choral Festival
Wednesday 19 August: ICAS Maths Assessment
Thursday 20 August: Yrs 10-12 2010 Subject Choices Evening
Friday 21 August: Effort & Attitude Reports, Yr 10 German Oskar Competition
Monday 24 August: Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 25 August: Yr 12 Chemistry Field Day
Wednesday 26 August: Wednesday sport concludes
Thursday 27/Friday 28 /Saturday 29 August: Big Sing Finale Dunedin
Monday 31 August-Friday 4 September: Tournament Week
Tuesday 8-Friday 11 September: Yr 13 Prelim Exams
Monday 14/Tuesday 15 September: Yr 13 Retreat
Friday 11-Wednesday 16 September: Yr 12 Prelim Exams
Monday 14-Wednesday 16 September: Yr 11 Prelim Exams

Yours sincerely

Mary Lynch
Principal