

Principal's Note

Dear Parents

Kia ora
Talofa lava
Greetings to you all

As the term is now at an end, it is timely to acknowledge all the people involved with our busy school. Firstly our teachers who have worked tirelessly in creating a wonderful learning environment, who have given extra time to sports, Pacifica events, Stage Challenge, Bishop Lyons, Outdoor Education and many other events. To our support staff, our parents, PTFA and friends of the college a big thank you. Finally to our students who have shown great tenacity, perseverance and skill in meeting many of the challenges so far. Group performances in Pacifica and outstanding individual ones in Bishop Lyons highlight this. We congratulate you all.

As we now move into Easter, let us reflect upon the message of renewal and hope Jesus gave to us and live our lives with love and peace.

May you all have a restful holiday, energise those batteries and come back ready for the challenges and opportunities of term 2.

With God's peace and best wishes to you all.

Bruce Henley
Principal

BISHOP LYONS SHIELD COMPETITION 2009



The annual Bishop Lyons competition held at Marian College this year is contested the week before Easter between the seven Catholic colleges in the Christchurch Diocese. We received some good placings. Anna Monique Nussbaumer, Nicola Cross and Rodelyn Avila won the first debate of the competition. Maggie Dunn was placed 4th in her first attempt at the Impromptu Speech.

In the Religious questions Jeanette Butler, Hannah Freestone and Tincy Thomas were placed a creditable 2nd equal. Katrina Clark competed in the Senior Prepared Speech for the fourth year in a row. She delivered a well crafted and impassioned speech and was placed 2nd, earning the team 3 valuable points. Social events of the weekend included a wonderful dinner at the Marian College hall. At Mass on Sunday Father Miles O'Malley explained how Bishop Lyons had started the competition in 1940. Marian won the shield with 17 points pipping Villa at the post by 2 points. In 2010 Cathedral College will be hosting the shield.

Team members were: Hannah Freestone, Rodelyn Avila, Jeanette Butler, Nicola Cross, Stephanie Iosia, Katrina Clark, Tincy Thomas, Anna-Monique Nussbaumer, Maggie Dunn,

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Pacific Success

Church Service; The opening service was well attended by Cathedral College staff and students. Acknowledgment of our Academic Achievers and Leaders alongside the church was a great initiative from the MOE.

Speeches: Cathedral College started with a bang by being represented in all major categories of the Speech competition and earning four wins!!! Olivia & Fapiola Tatafu came **first** in the Senior and Junior Tongan section. The English junior section was won by Rona Piilua. She showed a style with huge potential. Italia Silao was **second** in the Samoan Senior section and once again was a natural. **Leaders**

Breakfast; was attended by the 4 leaders of the Culture group. Motivational speaker, Lau olo Michael Chan CEO of Pacific Trust Canterbury spoke of his past and personal achievements.

Celebration Evening; What a night! Cathedral College brought it on!!! Traditional, synchronized, disciplined and well worth the watch.

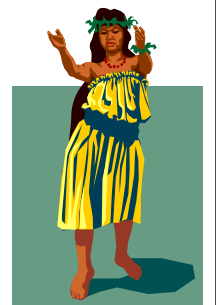
Spac Pac Expo; Once again a success! our weary students gained insight from experienced Pacific workers in many government agencies, military, Police and support services.

Tangata Pasifika

will broadcast parts of the performances.

Thursday 9 April,
11pm TV1.

Saturday 11 April,
8.30pm, Maori TV,



DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Bring a Friend
1.30-3.30pm,
Easter Saturday, 11 April

Station of the Cross

Christ the King
Parish Centre
90 Greers Road
Burnside

Year 12 & 13 Biology/Chemistry Fieldtrip to Brooklands Lagoon

On Wed 25 and Thursday 26 February the Year 12 and 13 Biology/Chemistry classes visited Brooklands Lagoon to study plant and animal life in a salt marsh. The Year 13 students were studying mud crabs and how salinity affects their distribution. The Year 13 Chemistry students had a real introduction to fieldwork rather than working in a laboratory! Some students got stuck in the mud and enjoyed the hands on work!

The Year 12 Biology students were studying salt marsh plant species. They endured the 15-minute walk to the site and enjoyed a sunny day out in the sand dunes.

I would like to thank all the students involved for their positive attitudes and exemplary behaviour. Mrs Heslop and Miss Trott were valuable helpers on the day, and a special thank you goes to Mr Pyle for his help over both days and with cleaning the equipment afterwards!

Susan McClung

Teacher of Science with Biology

Free Cervical Cancer Vaccination for Girls

Most of you will have heard about the cervical cancer vaccine that is being offered to all girls aged 12-18 years. The vaccine can help protect them from the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) that is the main cause of cervical cancer.

In Canterbury this vaccine is being delivered FREE through all general practices rather than at schools. Your daughter should have received an invitation from your usual doctor's surgery to come and have their vaccination. We would encourage you to respond to this invitation as soon as possible. If your daughter has not received an invitation please ring your usual general practice and request the free vaccination.

If you do not have a doctor, you are welcome to go to any general practice for this vaccination.

For more information visit www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz or call 0800 466 863.

School Accounts

Accounts have been posted out. Please start making payments as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sports/Cultural News

Congratulations to the following:

Ben Lakin - who finished 3rd in the Canterbury Swimming Champs 50 metres breast stroke.

The girls Volleyball team who finished 2nd in the B grade competition.

Futsal team— both the boys and girls teams who represented the school well last week in the South Island Championships.

Cricket Team Boys U15 super 8 who finished 3rd in the Wednesday competition.

Daryl Linton—who danced with his partner Olivia at the Plains Festival, Pioneer Stadium two weeks ago and gained five 1sts, two 2nds, and a 3rd.

Careers

Otago Campus Experience 3 – 6 May 09; Congratulations to Langi Vehikite and Anna-Monique Nussbaumer who successfully gained entry to the ultimate student experience— life at Otago University. They will meet with twenty Pacific Island students from around NZ.

STAR—Students in year 13 have been offered extra curricular study in a STAR programme. We have 2 students at Canterbury University completing Law and Te Reo. Gateway students for term 1 have shown a great aptitude for the chosen careers and work placements and look to complete 15 credits each of industry based units which will be credited to their NCEA results. Well done! Jesse Carter, Amelia Stewart, Hayden McKay and Matt Lavelle. Gateway term 2, students are set to work in the areas of Hairdressing, Tattooing, Barista and the Fitness Industry.

Stage Challenge

The performance is Tuesday 12 May at the Town Hall. Adults/students tickets cost \$33.00 and children under 12 are \$27.00.

Ticket prices have gone up this year due to lack of sponsorship. Please put your money in a named enveloped labelled 'Stage Challenge tickets' and hand into the office by



Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is compulsory for Terms 2 and 3.

The girls' uniform consists of: kilt, long sleeved white shirt, jersey, navy knee length socks or navy woollen tights and black lace-up shoes.



The boys' uniform consists of: grey (not black) regulation shorts or trousers, long sleeved white shirt, grey knee socks and black lace-up shoes. Any tee-shirts worn must be **white**. All students in years 9-13 wear the school tie. They are available from the school office. Students in years 11-13 must wear the blazer. Blazers are optional for years 9 and 10.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands

- to do your work.

I give you my feet

- to go your way.

I give you my eyes

- to see as you do.

I give you my tongue

- to speak your words.

I give you my mind

- that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit

- that you may pray in me.

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love, in me, your Father and all mankind.

I give you my whole self

that you may grow in me,

so that it is you, Lord Jesus,

who live and work and pray in me.

Amen



COMING EVENTS



Term 2 April

Mon 27 First day of Term 2

Tue 28 BOT Mtg

May

Fri 01- Yr 13 PED Marathon

Sun 03

Wed 06- Yr 11 History, to Akaroa

Thu 07

Tue 12 **OPEN EVENING 6.30-8.30**

Tue 12 Stage Challenge

Performance

Fri 15 Yr 7/8 to Deans Bush

Wed 20/ Yr 13 History to West Coast

Fri 22

Wed 27 NSW Computer Skills Exam