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THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

Teacher-Only Day: Curriculum Focus

Teacher-Only day was dedicated to looking at what and how we offer and deliver our Curriculum. Why look at our Curriculum? With the rapid rate of change, the demand for new skills, emphasis on collaborative and personalised learning within a technology-rich learning environment, we need to regularly "refresh" our curriculum to ensure it remains dynamic. Curriculum models from a range of schools from across New Zealand were analysed from both a learning area and a global perspective. Both structure and content were discussed, such as; integrated learning packages, project or concept based learning, vertical forms, compulsory versus optional subjects, semesters, length of learning periods, timing of break times, and having a flexi-day (for fieldtrips and school-wide activities). Naturally, it was a very interesting day with some wide ranging debate. A small group of interested staff from each learning area will now gather together our ideas with a view to determining what, if any, changes we will be suggesting to the BOT for 2018.

BOT March Meeting

At this month's BOT meeting, the Year 7 and 8 staff delivered their triennial report on their Teaching and Learning programmes. The students are in homerooms for English, Mathematics and Social Studies, where the focus is on developing Literacy and Numeracy skills. Other subjects (such as Science, Religious Studies and Physical Education), are taught by specialist Secondary teachers. Programmes are engaging and differentiated, with opportunities to work collaboratively, emphasising the importance of both the New Zealand Curriculum and the school values. Students are encouraged to make the most of a wide range of opportunities on offer at Craighead. Writing remains a focus for 2017, with a focus on the structure of writing, which is one of our school-wide goals. Staff have found that the Learning Conferences (including students, parents and their teachers), with their reflective and forward thinking approach, are hugely beneficial in encouraging meaningful conversations around student learning. Both the 2017 Annual Charter (which includes our National Standards results for 2016) and the 2017 Budget were formally approved at the meeting.

Uniform Shop opening:

Congratulations to our Uniform Committee, under the leadership of Chairperson Mrs Sharon Shore, on officially opening our newly relocated Uniform Shop. Thanks to all involved in the design and management of this project, especially Committee members Mrs Angela Fairbrother, Ms Anna Phipps, and builder, Mr Nigel Shore. New uniform items and accessories can now be purchased on site. Orders can be placed on-line (through our school website).



Wellness survey

On Wednesday 5 April, Year 10 will be trialling our new survey titled 'Me and My School'. This survey aims to provide a measure of student's emotional and cognitive engagement with school. High levels of engagement are directly related to positive health and educational outcomes, and we would like to ensure we can keep on track with supporting your daughter now and into the future. The survey is anonymous.

God Bless, **Lindy Graham**

L. Graham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

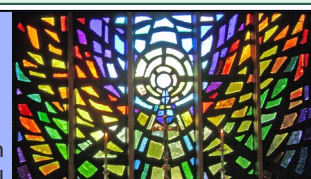
Mon 3	Victoria University liaison visit
Tue 4	University of Auckland liaison visit
Tue 4-Thur 6	Y9 Camp, Raincliff
Wed 5	Canterbury Inter Schools' Dressage, McLeans Island Junior Mathematics Competition Y7-8 Learning Conferences, 3.45-6.00pm
Thur 6	Parents and Friends AGM, 5.30pm, School Library TGHS Social, 7.00-9.00pm
Fri 7	Incubator—Health Careers session Y7-8 Learning Conferences, 3.45-6.00pm
Sat 8-Wed 12	Y13 History Field Trip
Sun 9	Easter Services 7pm

EASTER CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday 9 April, 7pm—Auditorium

Whole School Compulsory Attendance

The Easter service will be combined with a 'Harvest Festival' where the girls will each bring food items for donation to a food bank. Non-perishable food such as pasta, canned foods, soups etc can be brought to school from Monday onwards and placed on the back table of the dining room in designated house areas. Homemade preserves, fruit and vegetables etc are also acceptable and can be brought to the Chapel service. House groups will decide which food bank they wish to support.



SPORTY

CRAIGHEAD DIOCESAN SPORTS APP

Instructions on how to download our new Craighead Sports App...

Go to the App Store or Google Play—Search for the Sporty NZ app
Download and make sure you "Allow" to receive notifications—
then search for Craighead Diocesan.

Meet Sarah Templeton— Deputy Sports Captain 2017



I am passionate about sport and feel privileged to have been appointed as the 2017 Deputy Sports Captain. I started Craighead in 2011 as a nervous Year 7 student. I believed my time as a Year 13 student was years away, but six short years later I am proudly wearing the Year 13 blazer as a school leader.

During my time at Craighead, I have been offered a wide range of sporting opportunities and have represented the school in many different sports. In my younger years, I was a competitive swimmer while playing Touch, Netball and Basketball. I joined the Rowing squad in Year 9 and this quickly became my passion, representing the South Island and winning national titles—this year I have the honour of being Rowing captain. In my senior years I have played Senior A Basketball, Badminton, and represented South Canterbury and Canterbury in Netball, also coaching and umpiring Netball. I have competed at Aoraki Schools' Cross-Country, Swimming and Athletics.

Craighead has taught me to take every opportunity available. I am involved with Kapa Haka, Choir, Global Citizens, SADD, Health Committee, School Council, Peer Support and Sports Committee all of which I enjoy being a part. The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award scheme has allowed me to broaden my horizons and enjoy new experiences. Craighead is like a family which allows you to grow up in a supportive environment and I feel very fortunate to have a leadership role in 2017.

SOUTH CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON



Congratulations to the Year 8 team of Jessica Vogel, Emily-Jane Clucas and Jessamy Roadley who were placed sixth overall out of 60 teams at last week's South Canterbury Primary Schools' Triathlon!

The Year 7 team included Sophie Hogg, Anna O'Sullivan and Paige Butler-Baird.



AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Senior A Team—placed 5th overall

CRAIGHEAD PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 6 April, 5.30pm—School Library

Guest Speaker— Ms Lara Hearn, Assistant Principal
Apologies please to Tracy McLeod—027 609 0656



We welcome all new and existing parents to come along and hear Lara Hearn speak. We also encourage everyone to please consider standing for an office bearing position as we do have a number of our current members standing down from their positions. **Nominations for all positions, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer can please be forwarded to Tracy McLeod (dtamcleod@clear.net.nz).** Please contact one of us if you would like to discuss any of the above roles—we would love to hear from you.

Teresa Templeton—Chairperson 021 863 665, dttemple@xtra.co.nz

Marion Rolleston—Vice-Chairperson 027 612 6688

Tracy McLeod—Secretary 027 609 0656

Carolyn Lytle—Treasurer 021 377 389

MYSTERY LIBRARY BOOKS...

Head Librarian **Emma Helliwell** (left) and Senior Librarian **Natalie Searle**, with the Mystery Books display they created last week.

Girls are able to choose a book from the 'teaser' first sentence.



NEWS FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE

Friday 31 March:

Roller blading on Caroline Bay

Saturday 1 April: Wallaby Park, Waimate

Sunday 2 April: C/Bay swimming pool



School Holiday Closure

The Boarding House will be closed from 6pm on Thursday 13 April, and re-open at 3.00pm on Sunday 30 April.

Please remember, if you have any concerns at all you can contact me by email: thompsonyv@craighead.school.nz or by phone on 03 684 2253.

Mrs Yvonne Thompson—Director of Boarding



POLICE FITNESS CHALLENGE

Emily-Jane Clucas, Alysha Bradley, Isla Young and Alex Black recently competed in the Police Fitness Challenge at Aorangi Stadium. The girls completed the challenge in 3 minutes and 50 seconds.



Netball Registrations

Netball permission forms are now available on the Sports Portal.
All girls must be registered by next Wednesday 5 April.



...Double knitting wool and crochet hooks for Junior craft groups.

If you are able to supply these items, please drop them into the school office.



Please forward brief details of student news and achievements to Katie.Mackenzie@craighead.school.nz

UNIFORM SHOP Open Days Term One 2017

Friday 31 March, 7 April 3.30-4.30pm

EFTPOS is available at the Uniform shop

SECOND HAND SHOP Open Days Term One 2017

Friday 31 March, 13 April—3.30-4.30pm

Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop

For information, please email uniform@craighead.school.nz