



# Newsletter

Thursday 9 May 2019



**Tena koutou katoa**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**—Student academic achievement was the focus of yesterday’s Board of Trustees meeting, with NCEA data from 2018 now confirmed and publically available. This year, NZQA changed the reporting format to using data from students enrolled as of 1 July (for reasons of equity and comparability). This saw a small drop in achievement data for most schools across the country. Overall, our NCEA results remain very strong, with Merit and Endorsements comparing very favourably to similar Decile 8-10 Girls’ Schools. Heads of Department from each Learning Area have also completed their annual reviews of teaching and learning programmes, and reflected on achievement data for the previous year, along with firming up their goals and aspirations for the 2019 year. A short form summary document was presented to the Board of Trustees so that they can be kept well informed about what is happening in each Curriculum Learning Area.

The English Department also presented their triennial report at this meeting. This involved a tour of the English teaching spaces, and a discussion about how to encourage a love of reading an actual book (rather than using devices). Under the leadership of relatively new HOD Mrs Ella Wright, English Department teachers have reviewed and altered their Junior courses to focus more on skills development, placing less emphasis on assessment. English texts and units of learning cover a range of issues, timeframes and genres, so that students are exposed to a range of texts thus broadening their exposure to the world whilst also introducing various pieces of New Zealand Literature. Programmes are engaging and designed to suit the learners. The English Department goals for 2019 include encouraging reading for pleasure across all year levels (with the English staff leading by example); incorporating ‘Write that Essay’ skills into English lessons in preparation for success in the external examinations; and working towards increasing the numbers of Year 13 students who wish to sit Scholarship English through participation in the English Literature courses which encourage wider reading.

**Mrs Andrea Leslie is now stepping down from the Craighead Board of Trustees**, meaning there will be three vacancies at the upcoming elections (information is coming out tomorrow). Andrea gave six years of service to our Board, three of those serving as Chairperson. She brought a great deal of Governance experience to the role, and supported the school through a significant period of change—both in terms of curriculum review and innovation, and building development. We thank Andrea for her vision for secondary education, and her ability to make good decisions for the future of both the students and staff at Craighead.

**A reminder that our Open Day is scheduled for Sunday 19 May**, running from 2pm, concluding with a compulsory Chapel service which will finish at approximately 5.15pm. This has been clearly signalled on the School calendar so students are expected to be on site unless an exemption is granted prior. As this is counted as one of our ‘school days’, only those who are representing the school at sports or cultural events or who have unavoidable family commitments will be excused. Open Day is a very important event for our school and is a chance to showcase what we offer. Our students are a very important part of the day. As a school of Special Character, we appreciate the effort which our families make to ensure their daughters are well presented and present for both the Open Day and our Chapel service.

God Bless—Lindy Graham, Principal



Mrs Andrea Leslie (centre) with BOP Chair Mrs Nicky Hyslop and BOT Chair Mr Ant Ford.

**DIARY DATES...**

<b>MAY</b>	
Sat 11-Wed 15	Y13 Geography trip to Vanuatu
Wed 15	Y7-11 Attitude sessions
Fri 17	Craighead Old Girls’ AGM, 1 pm Grandparents’ Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm
<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>OPEN DAY, 2pm—compulsory attendance for all students, followed by Chapel Service, 4.30-5.15pm</b>

**Meet Sarah Dunbar—  
Deputy Sports Captain  
2019**



Coming into my seventh year at Craighead, I have learnt so many things. The first thing that comes to mind is that in playing sport you become physically and mentally healthy. I have been playing sport all my life, both individual and team sports. Having tried many sports in my early years, I have found a sport that I love—Hockey. I have been playing for the past five years and in the last two years I have had the privilege and pleasure of captaining the 1st IX.

Starting Craighead as a Year 7, I had little confidence, however as my skills and strengths have developed on the sports field, I have grown in confidence and gained more self respect. Attending regular games and practices teaches the importance of being able to focus and time-manage, of fair play and respect for the opposition, being gracious winners and also losers. Perseverance, effort, enjoyment and goal setting are skills that can be transferred from the sports field to the classroom and wider world. Here at Craighead, we have over thirty sports to choose from. As Head and Deputy Sports’ Captains, Phoebe Trollove and I encourage all the girls at school to try new sports and participate in sporting activities. We are enjoying seeing what the girls can achieve this year through sport.

## OPEN DAY

# 19 MAY

2.00pm to 4.00pm

We are excited to showcase our School.





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## HEALTH CURRICULUM 2019

As it is that time of year when your daughter's subjects will rotate for Health, we remind you of the variety of topics we may cover within our schools Health Curriculum.

These topics will be age specific and have the flexibility to be relevant and specific to current issues and themes.

Themes may range from: nutrition, personal values, hauora, stress and anxiety, cyber safety, and sexuality education.

Sexuality Education is a legal requirement and research shows that when students learn about Sexuality Education, their overall wellbeing improves. If you are concerned about the Health Programme please contact your daughter's health teacher to discuss this further.

Joanne Grace—Guidance Counsellor / Teacher of Health / SCT



## Students Against Dangerous Driving

During the holidays, four Year 13 students attended the annual SADD

conference in Christchurch. This was a great opportunity to meet other students from all over the South Island. We were split into groups and tasked with creating a video about a certain aspect of SADD. Whether a promotional video, a how-to for an activity or a general safer-driving video, all of the groups presented fun and informative videos that may be uploaded to the SADD website. Attending this conference, we gained many new ideas for ways to promote safer driving in our community and we look forward to putting these into practice. **Shannon Hodgett, Y13**

During the holidays, some of our Year 7 and 8 students competed in the Mackenzie A & P Show Agrikids event.

The Year 8 team of Isabelle Harrison, Annabel Murray and Camryn Porter won the event for their age group! The Year 7 team of Isla Crawford, Victoria Kyle and Ruby Grant were placed fourth.



## FATHER / DAUGHTER / BLOKES BREAKFAST

Monday 27 May 2019, 7.00am  
Craighead Dining Room

We invite Girls and their Dads / Grandfathers / Brothers to share a lovely breakfast together.

RSVP by Wednesday 22 May to [boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz](mailto:boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz)

Seats are limited! The cost of \$10.00 for a cooked breakfast will be charged to your daughter's account.



## GREAT KIWI ENGLISH COMPETITION

The Great KIWI English Competition is available to any student in Year 7-10. The competition will be held at the end of the term.

If your daughter is interested in participating in this competition please ask her to get an entry form from her English Teacher or the English Department noticeboard. Entries are due in by Friday 17 May.

See [www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.cem.canterbury.ac.nz).

Please forward brief details of student news and achievements to [Katie.mackenzie@craighead.school.nz](mailto:Katie.mackenzie@craighead.school.nz)

## CRAIGHEAD CROSS COUNTRY

Years 7-8: Maggie Crosbie 1st,  
Kate Ritchie 2nd, Marissa Shannon 3rd  
Years 9-10: Niamh Motley 1st,  
Madi Thomas 2nd, Issy Sharp and Kate Mackenzie 3rd=  
Years 11-13: Amanda Shallard 1st,  
Nicole Arundell 2nd, Lucy Tregenza 3rd



### House Points:

1st—Te Hauauru, 505  
2nd—Te Raki, 449  
3rd—Te Rawhiti, 339  
4th—Tonga, 235

### FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE...

Friday 10 May DVD evening with popcorn  
Saturday 11 May Lake Tekapo Hot Pools  
Sunday 12 May Mini Golf or Flip Out

Mrs Tracy Dockrill—Acting Director of Boarding  
[boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz](mailto:boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz)



### UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY Information Evening—

Thursday 30 May, 6pm, Craighead Diocesan School

Future students and their parents are invited to attend a presentation to find out everything you need to know about life and study at UC—scholarships, accommodation, degree and course information, and much more.

Register now at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/infoevenings](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/infoevenings)



### FINAL REMINDER!!

We are looking for helpers for a GARDEN WORKING BEE...

this Saturday 11 May, 10-12pm

Please bring gardening tools and help us to present Craighead at it's best for Open Day. We look forward to seeing you!

### GRANDPARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA... next Friday 17 May, 2pm

Invitations to Grandparents of new Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been sent by email.

RSVP to School Office by Monday 13 May



CAN YOU HELP?

### TWILIGHT MARKET...

Friday 18 October, 2019

We are still looking for enthusiastic people to join our organising sub-committee!

Please contact Secretary Tracy McLeod [dtamcleod@outlook.com](mailto:dtamcleod@outlook.com)

### CRAIGHEAD UNIFORM SHOP

Opening every Friday—3.30-4.30pm

Contact Angela Fairbrother, [baz.ange@xtra.co.nz](mailto:baz.ange@xtra.co.nz) or 027 223 2503 if you have any queries.

### CRAIGHEAD SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Dates coming up...

Friday 24 May, 14 June and 26 July—3.30-4.30pm

Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop