



Newsletter

Thursday 16 May 2019



Tena koutou katoa

NCEA Change Package 2019—On 13 May, the Minister of Education made a significant pre-budget announcement around NCEA—this can be found in full at www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/wellbeing-budget-2019. Based on the findings of the 2018 schools and community engagement phase, the Ministry of Education will now work with key stakeholders on the detailed design of the following seven changes: Making NCEA more accessible, equity for Maori, strengthening of literacy and numeracy requirements, having fewer but larger standards, simplifying NCEA's structure, showing clearer pathways to further education and employment, and keeping Level One NCEA as optional. NZQA fees will no longer be charged for participating in NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship, effective immediately (although this applies to Domestic students only).

Staffing—Congratulations to Mrs Tracy Dockrill upon her appointment to the role of Director of Boarding. Mrs Dockrill joined the Boarding House staff six years ago, during a time when our Junior students were housed “temporarily” in Unwin Hall following the disruption caused by the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake. She has seen huge changes over that time, especially with our building development and ensuring that our pastoral care systems meet the needs of today's young women who are Boarders. Acting as Boarding Director since last year, Mrs Dockrill (right) has gained invaluable skills and knowledge in how to effectively operate a Boarding House, giving her the edge over the other quality applicants. **Mrs Nicky Merritt** (left) will continue as our **Deputy Boarding Manager**, in addition to her role as Medical Officer for the school during the day. We are very fortunate to have a great team of highly skilled, responsive, caring and empathetic staff in both the Boarding House and the school kitchen.



Two other positions are currently being advertised as vacancies on TradeMe, and on the Craighead website. Development Manager Mrs Phillipa Guerin will be stepping down from this role mid-year, while Director of Sport Mrs Alicia Mabey will be taking a year's maternity leave from July. Both of these staff would be happy to discuss what these positions might entail with prospective applicants. The Development Manager position is half time, and term time only, while the Director of Sport is full time and while flexible in hours, may involve some weekend work. If you know of people who might suit either of these important roles, please encourage them to apply.

South Canterbury Sports Awards, Friday 17 May—We are very proud of our four finalists selected for the South Canterbury Awards being held this Friday evening. Just to be a nominated indicates that a huge amount of effort, commitment and service has gone into the chosen sport, with exceptional results. Congratulations to these nominees:

Lifetime Achievement Award—Mr Dean Milne (Rowing)

Young Sportsperson of the Year —Craighead Old Girl, Leah McDonald (Inline Speed Skating), and current students **Phoebe Trolove** (Rowing), and **Lily Rae** (Squash).

Showquest—Best wishes to all students, staff and parents who are travelling to Christchurch on Monday to participate in the Showquest (formerly known as Stage Challenge). There are 55 students participating this year. The theme the girls have chosen focuses on the impact of a mental health problem on an individual and the importance of others reaching out to the individual. The production is entirely student run, led by Jessica Townshend and Ella Yeatman, who are supported by Rosa Dobbs and Macey Dobson.

God Bless—Lindy Graham, Principal

DIARY DATES...

MAY

Fri 17

Craighead Old Girls' AGM, 1pm
Grandparents' Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm

Sun 19

OPEN DAY, 2pm—compulsory attendance for all students, followed by Chapel Service, 4.30-5.15pm

Thu 23

Aoraki Cross Country

Mon 27

Life Education Trust, Y7&8

Meet Bam Na Ranong— International Leader 2019



Starting at Craighead in 2013 as a small Year 7 student was a big step that I had to make. Coming from a small school in a small town called Hat Yai, Thailand, a high school of more than 300 students sounded pretty intimidating. I was 11 years old with almost no knowledge of English. Now in 2019, I have made it to Year 13 and have been given the role of International Leader, which is a real privilege. I am excited to be working alongside my deputy Chihiro Kokado, the International Director Mrs McLean, with Mrs Rosewall, and Mrs Hepburn.

This is my seventh year in this beautiful Aotearoa; the amazing things I have had the chance to experience remind me how wonderful it is to be here. Craighead has given me so many opportunities to explore, and most importantly, I have been helped and cared for while figuring out who I am. Throughout my time at Craighead, I have been involved in the amazing cultural side of the school such as Chorale, Choir, Junior Choir, Stage Challenge, Performing Arts productions, and Art competitions, in which I have won the supreme award three years in a row in different categories.

So far this year has been busy yet very enjoyable, and I am intending to make the most of it until I go into the wider world. Next year, I am planning to attend a university in Thailand to study architecture, and also to re-connect and be closer with my loved ones. It will be hard to say goodbye to this school and everyone I have had the privilege to meet.

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PPTA AND NZEI TEACHERS STRIKE

As you will have heard in the news, there is a teachers' strike day planned for Wednesday 29 May. As almost all Craighead teaching staff are members of the unions involved, we ask that students do not attend school that day. The school remains open for office, ancillary and non-union staff and the Boarding House will also be open. The Library will be available if students wish to study at school, but no supervision is available.

We will advise of any other information as it becomes available.

OPEN DAY
19 MAY

2.00pm to 4.00pm

We are excited to showcase our School.



YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY—VANUATU

This week, the Year 13 Geography classes were fortunate to have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to Vanuatu. Throughout our stay, we enjoyed snorkelling, zip-lining, market shopping and eating delicious food.

We had a taste of village life, attending the local church and later distributing clothes, stationery and other school equipment for less fortunate children. The trip opened our eyes to another side of life and we realised how blessed we are considering the local people had so little but were so appreciative of one another's company.

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs McKenzie and Ms Reeves for ensuring the trip was so successful and enjoyable.



Last Tuesday, thirty senior Drama students visited Roncalli College to see a thought-provoking, professional play performed by Simple Truth Theatre Company. The play, called *An Unseasonable Fall of Snow*, provoked a great deal of discussion amongst

those attending from Roncalli, Mountainview and Craighead. Allowing our students to take stands on issues that matter to them, engages self-reflection and builds community.

Mrs Gillian Towle—HOD Drama

FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE...

Weekend activities:

Friday 17 May Beach Walk
Saturday 18 May Games morning/Town visit
Sunday 19 May School Open Day

Mrs Tracy Dockrill—Director of Boarding
boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz



Craighead Life Guards

Nine girls worked hard at CBay last weekend to gain Life Saving Awards. They will now join four other qualified students as Life Guards when our pool re-opens for the Summer. These girls are now forming a Life Saving club with the idea of promoting water safety within the school and helping those interested, to prepare themselves to complete the Royal Life Saving Society awards in the future.

The Life Saving club are seeking suitable equipment for the school pool to not only help with training, but also be available should anybody get into difficulty. They are looking for life-jackets, life rings or similar, and lightweight long poles. If you are able to donate any of these items, they can be dropped off at the school office. Many thanks.



HOSTING REQUEST 2019 WINTER QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Craighead is hosting the annual Winter Quadrangular Tournament from Sunday 4 to Tuesday 6 August 2019. We will host teams from St Hilda's Collegiate and Columba College from Dunedin and St Margaret's College from Christchurch, with teams involved in Badminton, Debating, Hockey and Netball. With just over 100 visiting students, we still need assistance with billeting during the Tournament. As a host family your commitment would be to provide accommodation on the Sunday and Monday evenings.

Detailed information regarding the Tournament and your commitments is included with this Newsletter. Please return the Hosting Slip by Friday 7 June 2019. (A 'nil' return would also be greatly appreciated).

Please contact us if you have any queries:

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Anglican Schools
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*Next week, we are hosting
all the Anglican Schools in
New Zealand for their
biennial conference.*

On Wednesday, the Kapa Haka will perform at the opening Mihi Whakatau. In the evening, the Trio will be playing at a dinner and following this, the Choir and Chorale will be singing at a service in the Chapel. The Choir and Chorale are asked to report to the Music Suite at 7.00pm and the service is expected to conclude at approximately 8.30pm.



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**

OTAGO FACULTY OF LAW, CAREER EVENT—
Thursday 30 May, 1-3pm, Roncalli College
Parents are welcome to attend.

CRAIGHEAD FUNDRAISING

Proceeds to the School Development Fund

Aprons \$25
Tea towels \$10
Cup \$15

Available at the
School Office



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and achievements to Katie.mackenzie@craighead.school.nz

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Opening every Friday—3.30-4.30pm

Contact Angela Fairbrother, 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