



Newsletter

Thursday 23 May 2019



Tena koutou katoa

Anglican Schools Conference—This week, Craighead has been host to this three day conference involving Principals, Chaplains, Student Representatives and Anglican clergy from most of the Anglican Schools and Dioceses throughout New Zealand and Polynesia. We are honoured to have the presence of Anglican Archbishop Don Tamihere, Pihopa Richard Wallace (Bishop of Waipounamu) and the Bishop of Christchurch Peter Carrell, in addition to international keynote speakers, Mr John Bell (a Scottish hymn writer) and Dr Gerry Morris (a US writer and storyteller). The overarching theme for the conference was "Singing our Stories" and the importance of Whakapapa, resulting in some very powerful and thought provoking presentations. The students attending the conference have been involved in a separate programme based at St John's Church under the guidance of Reverend Josh Taylor.



As hosts, we were able to showcase our talented students numerous times over the three days, with our Kapa haka leading the mihi whakatau, both our Choir and Chorale participating in the evening Eucharist service, and the Trio playing at the morning Chapel service. The feedback from conference attendees about our students has been humbling. Thanks to Reverend Lucy Flatt, Mrs Sonia Ottley and Mr Karl Te Raki, Deputy Principal Wayne Pahl, teachers Emma Hall and Celia Liu, and our Sacristans and Chapel Committee for their efforts behind the scenes to make this conference so enjoyable for our guests. We are also grateful to Te Wera and Suzy King from Arowhenua marae for assisting with the "calling on" of the dignitaries to our school. We have very much enjoyed working with the Anglican Schools Director Reverend Dr Anne Van Gend and the former Bishop of Dunedin, the Reverend Dr Kelvin Wright.



Craighead Open Day—We were delighted by the number of families who came along to our Open Day last Sunday. The weather was kind to us, and we made the most of the afternoon, showcasing not only what we offer as an Anglican School for girls, but our superb hospitality. Thanks to our current families who ensured that their daughters were actively involved in both the Open Day and Chapel service. Feedback about the day has been very affirming, with specific compliments pertaining to our high level of student and staff engagement.



Grandparents' Afternoon Tea—A large number of our Grandparents toured the school last Friday afternoon, with many visiting Craighead for the first time. This event is growing in popularity, with several families also attending the Year 7 and 8 student-run Assembly prior to the afternoon tea. What is always so special to observe is the love openly expressed in the form of massive hugs upon meeting up. Thanks once again to our Parents' and Friends' Committee (left) for organising this function, and to the Trio who provided musical entertainment.

God Bless—Lindy Graham,
Principal

Meet Chihiro Kokado—2019 Deputy International Leader



When I first arrived at Craighead in May 2017, I felt totally overwhelmed coming to a new country, a new school and a different culture—the transition was difficult. After living here for a couple of months, understanding the language started to become easier with the help of all my friends and teachers. Now that I am in my last year, I can look back on my years at Craighead and feel privileged to have had the opportunities the school has given me in all aspects of my life. I especially like the feeling of connection between students and teachers that Craighead has.

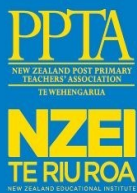
I have been privileged to be offered the role of Deputy International Leader for 2019. I am enjoying working alongside International Leader Bam Na Ranong, supported by the International Director Mrs McLean, Mrs Rosewall and Mrs Hepburn. One of my roles is to help new International students adapt to life in New Zealand and at Craighead so that they feel at home as quickly as possible.

Being a boarder has allowed me to develop organisational skills and co-operation with other boarders. It has also helped me to make close friends, some of whom I know will last a lifetime.

In my last year at Craighead, I hope to find joy in every opportunity I am given. Next year I plan to return to Japan to go on to tertiary education there. I know I will miss Craighead and my friends and teachers, but I will always treasure the memories of my time here.

DIARY DATES...

MAY	
Mon 27	Life Education Caravan, Y7&8
Wed 29	PPTA & NZEI Teachers' Strike
Thur 30	Karen Boyes Study Skills—Y11
Fri 31	Primary Schools' Skate and Scoot
JUNE	
Mon 3	Queen's Birthday— School Closed, Boarding House open



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 country buses will not run that day. 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. **Please advise the office if your circumstances mean your daughter must attend school that day.**



TEMPORARY BOARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Temporary Boarding has become very popular—
To allow time to complete the necessary paper work and organise the room, we require 48 hours notice for bookings please. Each application will be looked at on a case by case basis. Being offered a temporary boarding position is at the discretion of the Boarding House

Management and the Principal. Please do not assume that there are always places available as this may not be the case, and we reserve the right to decline. This is a service we offer to support Craighead families, to assist with their daughter's sporting commitments or especially if families are going overseas and prefer their daughter's learning to remain uninterrupted. **For more information please contact the Boarding House office on 684 2251.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Craighead School grounds are considered a pedestrian area with vehicle access for staff parking and deliveries only.

We ask that parents please drop their daughter(s) off at the school gate and refrain from driving through the school in the morning and after school. These times are particularly busy in our school day with many girls walking to Chapel, Form meetings or simply meeting up with their friends. Thank you for ensuring the safety of all our students.

Form Level Meeting—Just a reminder that all Year 7–10 students are expected at Form Level meeting and Chapel line-up in the Auditorium at 8.30am on Wednesdays and Fridays. This is an important part of our school day for Junior students where their Dean discusses information relevant to these levels.



Winter Kilt update...

All parents have been emailed regarding the current status of our new kilts—we apologise for any inconvenience caused by the delay of these to date. If you have any questions about this please contact Ms Lara Hearn at hearnla@craighead.school.nz

Kilt Hems—We ask parents of girls with kilts to ensure that the hem is at the correct length—between 30-33cm off the floor with school shoes on.

FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE...

Weekend activities:

Friday 24 May Games evening
Saturday 25 May Ten Pin Bowling, Oamaru
Sunday 26 May Flip Out/Botanic Gardens



Please note that the Boarding House will remain open over Queen's Birthday Weekend.

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

CRAIGHEAD UNIFORM SHOP

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...

Tomorrow, Friday 24 May, 14 June and 26 July—3.30-4.30pm
Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop

Craighead Life Saving

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.



Congratulations to **Phoebe Trolove** who took out the coveted title of **Young Sportsperson of the Year** at last week's **South Canterbury Sports Awards**, an outstanding achievement!

On Monday, 55 students participated in ShowQuest in Christchurch, choosing a theme focused on the impact of mental health. Sincere thanks to **Jessica Townshend** and **Ella Yeatman** who organized the student-run performance, supported by **Rosa Dobbs** and **Macey Dobson**.



UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Information Evening—
Thursday 30 May, 6pm
Craighead Diocesan School

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.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO AND OTAGO POLYTECHNIC

Joint Information Evening for prospective students and parents—
Thursday 6 June, ASB Tennis Pavillion, Timaru, 7pm

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY—Friday 19 July 9.30am-4pm

CRAIGHEAD FUNDRAISING

Proceeds to the School Development Fund

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

Available at the School Office



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