



# Newsletter

Thursday 27 June 2019



**Tena koutou katoa**

**Craighead hosted the Rangī Ruru Junior Sports exchange last Thursday.**

It was lovely, once again, to be able to hold most sports here on site. This gives all students and staff a chance to watch games and cheer on our teams. What is special about the Rangī Ruru exchange is that our Juniors (Year 7-10) have a chance to showcase their skills, not to mention play against school girls of their own age rather than adults as in the local competitions. The competition was fierce, with very evenly matched teams. We were delighted to win the exchange overall, seven games to five! Thanks to our Sports Department for their organisation, and also to our kitchen staff for their outstanding lunchboxes, which received many compliments.



**House Choirs**—We changed the format this year into a condensed effort, practising intensely in the week prior to the House Choir competition. This seemed to work well, with all choirs coming together to produce a quality product for the actual competition. The test piece was ‘Caravan’ by Mike Batt. Each house then chose a song which best suited their combined musical talents. There were some excellent efforts with conducting and the playing of instruments. The adjudicator, Music Teacher Ms Lee Parcell from Timaru Boys’ High School, was most



impressed. First place was awarded to Tonga House, with Prudence Scott conducting, Amy Xie on piano, and Sophie Tucker, Rida Fatma and Courtney McRobie on violin. Well done to all Houses – the standard was very high.

**Meet Tayla Cvitanich—  
2019 Te Raki House Leader**



My journey at Craighead began six years ago, when a shy yet ambitious Tayla stepped foot on the school grounds for the first time. Moving from a small rural primary school in Year 8 was one of the best, yet biggest transitions I have made in my life. In primary school, my Year 7 class consisted of 25 boys and just 5 girls. I was held back by the silent limitations of being a female, and I therefore lacked the confidence to step out of my comfort zone and reach my full potential.

I was instantly welcomed into the warm and encouraging atmosphere of Craighead, and it wasn’t long before I began to flourish in the remarkable community it provides. I slowly began to take risks, get involved, and try new things without the fear of failure. I tried many sports including Rowing, Basketball, Volleyball, Touch, Hockey and Tennis. I joined the Choir, and started learning guitar, eventually gaining enough confidence to sing solos at the annual Music Cups and the Voices Of Craighead performances. Through the support of my teachers who were engaging, encouraging and personally invested in my progress and achievements, I stretched my academic performance and truly stepped into my potential.

What changed? I believe that what I gained at Craighead was strong and independent female role models, who helped me develop the confidence in myself as a young woman stepping out into the world. I began to see the life-changing potential every girl had inside them, and witnessed ordinary girls achieve incredible things. I have looked up to the student leaders each year and this year, stepping into a senior leadership role myself, I feel the same obligation to show younger students just what they can achieve when they set their minds on something. Being appointed House Leader of Te Raki for 2019 has been the biggest privilege, and so far the most rewarding role I have undertaken at Craighead. It has given me the chance to give back into the community that has supported me so closely in my journey through high school. Alongside my Deputy Nikita Clemens, I hope to support and inspire the younger students to take every opportunity that comes their way and never settle for anything less than their personal best.

**Latitude Gap students**—At this time of year, we sadly farewell our wonderful Gap students—**Johanna Theilemann and Melissa Conze from Germany, and Felicity Deacon from England.** These young women have become highly valued members of our staff and of the Boarding House.



We thank them for their service and contribution to school life, and wish them all the best upon their return home to begin their Tertiary studies.

**The Big Sing**—Hot off the press is the news that, following the regional finals, **the Craighead Chorale has gained a place in the National Big Sing Finale**, one of only five South Island choirs of the twenty-four selected. This is the premier event on the Choral Federation Calendar. Congratulations to Miss Emma Hall (a former Chorale member and now teacher of Year 7) for bringing the group up to this exacting standard, supported by both Ms Celia Liu and Mrs Julie McLean. Preparations are now underway for the Big Sing Finale, which takes place in the Dunedin Town Hall on 29-30 August.

**Cadenza**, the ‘next best thing to The Big Sing Finale’, will enable 36 competing choirs from across New Zealand to experience the buzz of a Finale-style event, with the added dimension of massed workshops with an international choral conductor, who will also perform the role of adjudicator. These two-day events, held in Rotorua, Whanganui and Timaru, will culminate in a public gala concert in each location, allowing all the choirs to showcase an item from their Cadenza repertoire and to sing together music rehearsed with the international guest. Craighead and the Theatre Royal are hosting the Timaru Cadenza on Friday and Saturday 16 and 17 August. Put these dates in your diary!

**God Bless—Lindy Graham, Principal**



**CYCLING...** Congratulations to our students who competed at the Aoraki Secondary Schools' Road Cycling Championships last week with the following full results:

Year 7 & 8 Girls—**Zoe Spillane**—Individual Time Trial 3rd, Road Race 3rd  
 Under 16 Girls— **Abby Ross**—Individual Time Trial 2nd, Road Race 2nd  
 Over 16 Girls— **Alex Butler-Baird**—Individual Time Trial 3rd, Road Race 2nd, **Zoe Earnshaw**—Road Race 3rd  
 Year 7 & 8 Girls Team Time Trial, 1st—**Zoe Spillane, Ella Turnbull, Keira Mitchell, Kate Ritchie**  
 Over 16 Girls Team Time Trial, 1st—**Zoe Earnshaw, Alex Butler-Baird, Abby Ross**

Overall, Craighead won the Aoraki SS Road Cycling Girls' Championship for the second year in succession.

## FOOTBALL

The Craighead Football team faced some strong competition at last week's Aoraki Secondary Schools' tournament, just losing the final game in a penalty shoot out.



### FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE...

**End of term arrangements are as follows:**

The Boarding House will close at 5pm tomorrow, Friday 28 June and re-open at 3pm on Sunday 21 July—  
**All boarders must return by 7pm.**  
 An evening meal will be provided.

#### Temporary Boarding:

As from Term 3, Temporary Boarding fees will increase to \$65 per night. This is to cover staffing and administration costs. Any queries please contact the Boarding House Office.

I wish you all a safe and restful holiday break.

Mrs Tracy Dockrill, Director of Boarding—[dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz](mailto:dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz)



## Year 10 Performing Arts Hub end-of-semester showcase of talent



**YEAR 13:** Looking ahead to 2020, the midyear holidays are an important time for the Year 13 students to refine plans.

**Open Day visits are highly recommended—**

it is particularly useful for the girls to seek out lectures aligned to their areas of interest, (schedules will be available on line). The girls need to be pro-active and check tertiary websites regularly for course and scholarship updates. Please encourage your daughter to keep her options open!

Students are well advised to take time over the holidays to assemble their CV, NCEA results, birth certificate and references (if necessary), so they are ready to apply for scholarships and Halls of Residence—**Applications for Halls open on 1 August 2019 and close in September.** Please note that important information to assist with this process was emailed to parents/caregivers and students last week.

### CAREERS EVENTS AND OPEN DAYS COMING UP...

- ♦ **University of Canterbury**—Thursday 11 July (please register at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday))
- ♦ **Lincoln University**—Friday 19 July, 9.30am-4pm (please register at [www.lincolnevents.ac.nz/event](http://www.lincolnevents.ac.nz/event))
- ♦ **Victoria University of Wellington**—Information Evening, Christchurch Tuesday 23 July, 6-8pm, Rydges Latimer Christchurch. (please register at [victoria.ac.nz/information-evenings](http://victoria.ac.nz/information-evenings))
- ♦ **KPMG—Student Loans**—Piecing Together the Tertiary Puzzle Thursday 25 July—Student presentation, Chapel, 11.35am-2.35pm Thursday 1 August—Parent/Student presentation, Auditorium (time tba)

### DIARY DATES...

**JUNE**  
 Thurs 27 Year 7&8 Jump Jam  
 Aoraki Junior Basketball  
 Fri 28 Y11 Earthquake Field Trip, Christchurch  
 School Mufti Day—theme is "Inclusion", gold coin donation  
**END OF TERM TWO**

**JULY**  
 Mon 22 **START OF TERM THREE**  
 Fri 26 Senior Formal, Landing Services Building, 7.30-11.30pm  
 Sun 28 Aoraki Netball  
 Tue 30 Y7&8 Ski trip, Round Hill, Tekapo

### Winter Uniform

The approaching holidays are a good time to have any alterations done to your daughter's kilt, if needed. Form teachers will be checking the length of kilts next week, so it is possible that we may email you regarding alterations, should they be needed.

This is also the time to have blazers and kilts dry-cleaned if required, ready for Term 3. If you need alterations done, please contact our seamstress Donna Adams—03 686 6509 or 027 262 2233. Thank you for your support.



## Lost Property

We have a number of small items of Lost Property, some valuable, including watches, jewellery, badges, earphones, keys, a phone case to name a few. If your daughter is missing any of the listed items, please ask her to enquire at the School office.

### 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

### CRAIGHEAD SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Open 26 July—3.30-4.30pm

Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop