



CRAIGHEAD

DIOCESAN SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nga mihi nui te whanau o Craighead. Tena koutou katoa.

Senior Formal

Congratulations to our Social Committee for planning, organising and running an excellent Senior Formal last Friday evening. While this was a combined effort by the whole committee (and their parents), Social Committee chairperson, Sarah Buckingham, deserves special mention for her leadership, as does the Davies-Martin family for their creativity with the 50's theme. We were delighted that our zero tolerance policy was respected before the event and throughout the evening, with immaculate behaviour and impeccable manners displayed by everyone as befits a formal occasion such as this. We are grateful for the support of Parents and Friends and Craighead staff on the night. The photographs taken by Kolourcare provide wonderful coverage of the whole event.

Craighead Website and Sports Portal

The new Craighead Website goes live tomorrow (see details below). This has been long awaited and we hope that you are happy with our fresh new 'look'. At this stage, we are still developing some sections (such as the Curriculum handbooks to be ready for 2016 subject choices) but we invite you to view it and also to peruse the Sports Portal. Connecting with our Community is a major focus this year, and we hope that you will find all the information you need as we develop the site further. While the website was designed by Book Design from Christchurch, it is being hosted by local Timaru company Vetta Technologies. PA, Gillian Owens, and Sports Coordinator, Diane Surridge, have each spent many hours refining the final design and content. We feel confident that the Sports Portal will streamline sports administration, with Craighead looking to offer e-commerce options in the future.

The busy term continues and we are looking forward to hosting both the Winter Quadrangular Tournament and the Rangi Ruru Junior Exchange. As the winter sports season draws to an end, some of our teams have shown significant improvement and are enjoying recent successes. Thanks to the coaches, managers and parents who loyally support our teams at every game!

God Bless, Lindy Graham

Website TOMORROW WILL SEE THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW LOOK CRAIGHEAD WEBSITE!

The address is still the same at www.craighead.school.nz. We hope you like the new look and find the site user-friendly and informative. What you will see tomorrow is our new website, mainly designed to market the school to the wider community. In the near future, we will add a parent/student portal titled **CraigNet Portal**. This will house information for current Craighead families i.e. forms, subject options, NCEA information etc. On the home page of the website you will find a link to the new **Craighead Sports Portal** which can be accessed directly at www.sporty.co.nz/craighead. Here you will find all the information you need on Sport at Craighead. We welcome your feedback—if you wish to comment please email owensgil@craighead.school.nz.

BOARDING HOUSE NEWS

Weekend Outings

Saturday 1 August—Lunch at Koji followed by a visit to C/Bay

Saturday 8 August—Timaru Museum radio display, town and The Warehouse.

Theme Dinner—hosted by Year 13, this dinner will be held on Thursday 6 August, with the theme "Beauty Pageant". Please encourage your daughters to dress up for these fun events.

Just a small reminder... When picking up your daughters or wards for weekend leave, please ensure that they have their key cards or tags with them, so that they can let themselves into the Boarding House on their return to school. These key cards and tags are very important to ensure the safety of the girls in our care.

Yvonne Thompson—Boarding Manager

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Fri 31 Parents and Friends Meeting, 2pm, Auditorium Foyer

AUGUST

Sun 2 Aoraki Netball

Sun 2-Tue 4 Winter Quad Tournament, hosted by Craighead

Mon 3 PISA Assessment, 8.45am

Tue 4 Y7-8 AMA Mathematics Competition 6.30-8.30pm

Wed 5 Y9-10 AMA Mathematics Competition 6.30-8.30pm

Thur 6 Aoraki Badminton

Fri 7 Y13 Art Trip to Dunedin

Sun 9 Aoraki Trapshooting

Red Girdle Award & Chapel Service, 5pm, Auditorium

Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Awards, Introduction Evening, 6pm, Auditorium

Mon 10 Rangi Ruru Junior Sports Exchange hosted by Craighead

Thur 13-Sun 16 Big Sing National Festival Final, Wellington

Sun 16 Aoraki Snow Sports

Thur 20-Fri 28 Senior Examinations

Please see further Term Three dates on the School website.

UNIFORM AND SECOND HAND SHOPS—Term Three dates...

Tomorrow 31 July, 7 August and 4 September—3.30-4.30pm

EFTPOS available for Uniform Shop,
Cash or cheques only for Second Hand Shop

CRAIGHEAD PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Next meeting—tomorrow, Friday 31 July, 2pm, Auditorium Foyer

All welcome. Teresa Templeton, Chairperson—phone 021 863 665

Meet Sarah Buckingham—Social Committee Leader

Coming to Craighead as a timid Year 9 student was not only a big step-up in itself, but only knowing one other girl, with whom I was not going to share any classes, made it especially daunting. However, I soon fitted into the school routine and established a great group of friends, enabling me to have no regrets about my parents' decision to send me to Craighead, in spite of my original reluctance. Through taking part in numerous opportunities the School offered me, I have benefited in trying a range of activities, despite not always being very good at them. This year has allowed me to grow my participation in School life through the various committees I'm involved in, including Global Citizens, the Magazine Committee and the Social Committee!



This year, we organised Craighead's 'Comeback' social, after several years of its absence. The theme was 'Under the Sea' and it proved to be a success, with a large turnout of all ages from all schools involved. It was a lot of fun to organise, and even more fun to take part in on the night.

I was fortunate enough to have a great group of girls to work with when planning the Craighead Senior Formal. They brought along endless amounts of enthusiasm and a wide range of ideas, although often rather extravagant—I am pleased with the outcome of it all. The support I have had as Social Committee leader has been incredible and I cannot thank everyone enough, from Miss Dawe, with our ball-oriented chats in Accounting class, to other teachers and students whose kind words of support, made it all worthwhile.

In 2016, I am off to Canada for six months to work in an Outdoor Education Camp. It will be a testing but worthwhile experience, and I am grateful for Craighead's input into helping me prepare for my future endeavours.

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

WINTER QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME—CRAIGHEAD GAMES

(For a full programme, please see the new **Craighead Sports Portal**)

Monday 3 August

9.30am	Hockey Game 1	Aorangi Park Turf	vs St Hilda's
9.30am	Badminton Round 1	STEC, Aorangi Stadium	vs St Hilda's
10.00am	Debate Round 1	Chapel	vs St Margaret's
11.00am	Netball Game 2	STEC, Aorangi Stadium	vs St Hilda's
11.30am	Badminton Round 2	STEC, Aorangi Stadium	vs Columba
1.30pm	Badminton Round 3	STEC Aorangi Stadium	vs St Margaret's
1.30pm	Netball Game 3	STEC, Aorangi Stadium	vs Columba
2.00pm	Debate Round 2	Chapel	vs St Hilda's
2.15pm	Hockey Game 4	Aorangi Park Turf	vs Columba

Tuesday 4 August

9.45am	Netball Game 5	STEC, Aorangi Stadium	vs St Margaret's
10.30am	Debate Round 3	Auditorium	vs Craighead
10.45am	Hockey Game 6	Aorangi Stadium	vs St Margaret's

TAHITIAN EXPERIENCE

Our Year 11 French girls spent a stunning week and a half in the balmy climes of Tahiti and her islands in the holidays. The trip was not just an excuse to escape the icy winter or swim with rays and sharks in shimmering turquoise waters, but was an exciting and authentic opportunity to try out the French language skills the girls had been learning for two and a half years. What an amazing feeling to experience the success of your French actually being understood! The girls were made to feel very welcome by their host families and the experience of a different culture was eye-opening. Mme Mills and I would also like to thank the parents and the girls for their very thoughtful gifts. We felt very spoilt, indeed!

Mrs Heidi Schreiber—HOD Languages



CRAIGHEAD ROWING—Dates for your Diaries

Rowing Open Day

Sunday 13 September, 4pm—Timaru Rowing Club, Saltwater Creek
A great opportunity for all those students and their parents interested in Rowing for the 2015/2016 season to come along and hear and see what Rowing is all about. More details to follow closer to the time.

Corporate Rowing Regatta

Saturday 31 October, Lake Hood Ashburton
A great, social opportunity for all parents, caregivers and other family members or friends to get involved in this fundraiser. We are hoping to be able to put together a couple of boats and would love to hear from anyone interested in participating. No experience is required—join us for some fun, fitness and a chance to see what Rowing is all about. Entries need to be in by mid August and training will start at the beginning of September.

For further information about either of the above or if you have any questions, please contact one of us:

Calvin Leen—027 453 0950
John Williams—027 689 4934
Teresa Templeton—021 863 665



CRAIGHEAD UMBRELLA

The Uniform Committee is pleased to be able to offer the new Craighead umbrella—a high quality umbrella, perfect to have in the car, a must for rainy day sport, the perfect gift!

Get yours now for \$59 from the Uniform Shop.



**2015
CRAIGHEAD
SENIOR FORMAL**



Congratulations to the members of **Bitter Class**, including Craighead students, Ruby and Charlotte Fraser, who have once again made it to the top twenty bands, from throughout New Zealand, which entered Rockquest this year. They now await the judges' decision on which bands become the six finalists.

Congratulations to **Eleanor McGeachie**, last year's Performing Arts Leader who successfully auditioned as a member of the New Zealand Youth Choir last month.

Vicki McLeod—Head of Music

YOUR CAREER

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

For students going on to tertiary study, **organising accommodation is the immediate priority.** Course planning will follow!

Saturday 1 August

Applications open for the Halls of Residences. I would encourage the girls to go on-line this weekend and start the process. They can apply for accommodation at a number of universities, but will need to make separate applications through each university's accommodation portal.

Girls wishing to enrol in Nursing, Teaching, OT and other courses with early closing dates, should also ensure the enrolment forms are printed off this weekend, so they can begin to organise the required references and supporting documentation. Entry to these courses is highly competitive, so care and time must be taken with applications.

Tuesday 4 August

Requests for the Common Confidential Reference Form (to support applications for accommodation in the Halls of Residence) must be delivered to the Careers Office by 3pm. The girls need to provide a copy of the CCRF, (located on-line), and complete the "Step 4: Testimonial Request Form", which was emailed home before the holidays.

These are busy times, but working through the process step by step makes it manageable. We are here to help, so please contact the Careers Office with any queries.

Tuesday 11 August, 6.30pm

Otago University Information Evening for students and parents—ASB Pavilion, Benvenue Avenue.

Tuesday 18 August, 6.00pm

Your Education New Zealand, (school exchanges for Language students)—Information Meeting, Timaru Community House.

Vicky Campbell—Careers Advisor, campbellvi@craighead.school.nz
Kerry Deeley—Careers Administration



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July 2015 Edition

Welcome aBoard is the combined newsletter of the Craighead Diocesan School Board of Trustees and Board of Proprietors. The aim is to communicate directly (and briefly) with our school community twice a year on governance matters, and to continue the process of self-review that supports both our Mission Statement "The pursuit of excellence in all fields of endeavour..." and our commitment to constant improvement in line with National Education priorities.

Craighead Diocesan School Board of Trustees Members are: Andrea Leslie (Chair), Jenny McGeachie (Deputy), Lindy Graham (Principal), Wayne Pahl, Alasdair Townshend (Staff Rep), Rev John Hayhoe, Phillipa Guerin, Philip Howe, Brian Rae, Michelle Kelly, Meg McKenzie (Student Rep), Christine Sparrow and Gillian Owens.

Annual Goals – Three key areas have been targeted as Annual Goals for 2015. These are the A, B, C: Achievement, Building Capacity and Connecting with our Community. For more details regarding our goals and strategic direction, please refer to the Charter Document available on the new school website. Also in 2015, our "Good to Great" Strategic Plan 2010-15 is due for renewal. The Combined Boards Forum in August will allow both Boards to set up the Strategic Planning process scheduled to take place during the remainder of the 2015 year.

Academic Achievement – The academic year began with the great news that Craighead continued its outstanding academic achievement in NZQA results (94% L1, 95% L2 and 95% L3). Certificates endorsed with Merit or Excellence were achieved by 80.3% of students in Level One NCEA, 66.7% in Level Two and 56.1% in Level Three. These results exceed those of most Decile 8-10 Girls Schools. A further impressive statistic is that almost 90% of 2014 Year 13 Craighead students achieved University Entrance, compared to the National Average of 58%. These fine results reflect the efforts, commitment and high expectations of the whole Craighead community.

Promotion and Marketing – We have completed the rebranding process which includes renewing all promotional materials from letterhead to signage on the school vans. Our new website has just become live and includes the Sports Portal. Although in its fledgling state, the site will be continually monitored so that it is up to date and visually engaging for current and future members of the Craighead community. We hope you enjoy our fresh 'look'!

Self-Review and Department Reporting – The Arts, Music, Drama, Technology, Religious and Social Education and Careers Departments have all reported to the BOT in 2015 as part of the triennial reporting cycle. Each department was given an opportunity to detail their strengths and goals for the year, along with their future aspirations. As part of our on-going self-review, each year up to two Departments may be reviewed by external providers.

Teaching and Learning – A review of the Junior Curriculum has been conducted by the Curriculum Committee and we are proposing to make changes to the timetable and option structure for 2015. More information will follow.

Technology – Building staff capacity for teaching and learning using iPads is a major focus this year. Professional development around e-learning has been a priority for those teaching in the middle school. A strategic plan is currently being developed for School-wide IT as we look towards ensuring Craighead is a lead school in the region for enhancing learning and teaching using electronic devices.

Sport – Craighead continues to perform above expectation in most sports and we welcome our new parents as Committee members on our various sports codes. As with all Secondary School sport, we need to continue to build capacity so that our students have a wide range of sporting (and other) opportunities. Our Sports Advisory Council is now well established, under the direction of Chair Rebecca Dobbs. With the Sports Portal now operational, the SAC are looking to make further improvements to the provision of sporting opportunities, recognition and infrastructure at Craighead.

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The Craighead Parents and Friends are an active group who provide many opportunities to engage with our wider school community. Teresa Templeton, Pippa Goodwin and Caroline Little have been re-elected to key positions. Rather than additional fundraising this year, the focus for Parents and Friends this year has been to support the Development Office activities as well as to continue to provide valuable service at our annual school events, such as the Formal.

Craighead Diocesan School Board of Proprietors Members are: Phillipa Guerin (Chair), Keith McRobie (Deputy), Lindy Graham (Principal), Margaret Turley, (Dr) William Rolleston, (Rev) John Hayhoe, Pauline Geddes, Jane Fuller, Simon Davenport, Wendy Taggart, Ross Wells, Teresa Templeton, Nicky Hyslop and Christine Sparrow.

At the recent AGM, Phillipa Guerin was re-elected Chair, with Keith McRobie as Deputy. We said farewell to Mark Hawkins and thanked him for his outstanding service on the BOP. We warmly welcome new member Nicky Hyslop.

Special Character - We were sad to farewell the St Mary's congregation as they returned 'home' to St Mary's Church in Timaru. We have very much enjoyed sharing the lovely Craighead Chapel with them and hope to retain our strong connections. St Mary's presented a copy of *Love and Faithfulness: Stories of St Mary's* to the Craighead Library.

Property - The Gymnasium Sub-Committee has been meeting with Architect John Rushton regularly and is in the process of firming up the location, design and size of the proposed gymnasium. The Kitchener Square entrance is the final stage of the new Senior Boarding House project which will be completed in spring. Plans are being drafted for the remodelling of the Craighead front office to make it a more welcoming interface for our visitors.

Boarding House - As part of our Boarding House restructuring, we welcomed new Deputy Boarding Manager Mrs Chrissie Burrow in Term Two. We are in the process of developing a pool of Relief staff for the Boarding House. Under the guidance of Alliance catering, Kitchen Manager Kerina Brown has made significant improvements to the dining room layout, menus, food choice and presentation. Seeking regular feedback will be a priority.

Development Office - Development Manager Michael Laws ran a very successful Craighead Wine Tasting and Auction event with special guest Joelle Thompson sharing her expertise on the night. We are now looking towards the naming of the Turley Auditorium in September and to the proposed Golf Fundraiser in November.

Old Girls Register - The Old Girls Database is almost completed. This will allow us to better connect with those vibrant former members of our school community. Several Old Girls have been our guest speakers in Assembly recently.

We hope that you feel well informed about what is happening at Craighead through the newsletter, website and Sports Portal. If you have other suggestions as to how we can improve our communications, please contact either Board Chairs:

Mrs Andrea Leslie BOT Chairman
Mrs Phillipa Guerin BOP Chairman

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