



# CRAIGHEAD

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THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Despite what Mike Hosking says about schools finishing their teaching already, we remain very busy right up until our final day on December 11! Apart from Year 10 camp next week, classes continue as usual until the final week, when we welcome back our Seniors and focus on our House and Community Service activities, and our special end-of-year celebratory functions.



**Student Leadership**—With the Senior students away completing their examinations, there are opportunities for our younger women to step up and show leadership. As the oldest students currently on campus, our Year 10's showed that they have the skills to role model and lead by example as demonstrated in last week's Assembly. This week, Year 10 Economics students excelled themselves by producing some high quality and original products for their annual Market Day. They learned a lot about running a successful business in the process! Craighead was also hosting our Timaru Emerging Leaders' programme on the same day and this gave teachers, from the five local secondary schools, a chance to not only purchase some goods from the stalls, but also to have a look around our lovely grounds in 29 degree heat!

Mr Batchelor and Mrs Whittington are working hard to develop our skills in debating. They were very pleased with the performance of our young debaters in the Nga Kete debates in Christchurch this week. Congratulations to Zoë Leen and Phoebe Trolve who were named "Best Speakers" and to the staff who coached, mentored and accompanied the students. We look forward to being even more competitive in the Quadrangular Tournament debates in 2016, building upon the successes from this year.



**White Ribbon Day and Craigmore Family Fun Day**—In support of raising awareness of domestic violence in New Zealand, we dedicated yesterday's assembly to making stars in support of the "One Million Stars to End All Violence" campaign. Thanks to Mrs McKenzie and several members of our Global Citizens committee who came in especially to demonstrate how to make the stars. Thanks also to our Year 10 students (left) who kindly

volunteered their services in support of St Mary's Church fundraiser, the Craigmore Family Fun Day.

God Bless

Linda Graham

This week, Mr George Hennessy and Mrs Mary Hennessy planted a rhododendron outside the Auditorium, in memory of their daughter Alice, an ex Craighead student, who sadly died in a car accident 20 years ago, aged 21.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### NOVEMBER

Mon 30-Fri 4 Y10 Camp

#### DECEMBER

Tue 1 Y9 "My Dream Job" Mufti Day  
Thur 3 Y9 Mind Lab, Christchurch  
Fri 4 NCEA Examinations finish

### PROGRAMME FOR LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL 2015

#### Monday 7 December – normal school times

- ◆ Music practices as advised by Mrs McLeod
- ◆ Y7-10 Community Services activities

#### Tuesday 8 December – normal school times

- ◆ Dining Room not open for lunch
- ◆ Music practices as advised by Mrs McLeod
- ◆ Y7-10 Community Services activities
- ◆ 5.45-8.00pm—Y11-13 Christmas Dinner (tidy, appropriate dress)  
Leavers' Ball Practice to follow Christmas Dinner

#### Wednesday 9 December

- ◆ Music practices as advised by Mrs McLeod
- ◆ 9.00am—Y13 Chapel, followed by morning tea—parents welcome
- ◆ 10.00am—Y7-13 Form meetings, Locker clearances
- ◆ 1.00pm—General Knowledge Cup (Inter-House competition)

#### Thursday 10 December

- ◆ Music practices as advised by Mrs McLeod
- ◆ 8.30am—Carol Service readers report to St Mary's Church (Church Street)
- ◆ 8.50am—Music groups, Choir, Chorale and soloists report to St Mary's Church
- ◆ 9.00am—rest of Y7-13 report to School Auditorium for Carol Service practice
- ◆ 10.30am—Final Assembly, Auditorium
- ◆ 12.15pm—Y11-13 dismissed for afternoon
- ◆ 1.15pm—Y7-10 Roll check at St Mary's Church Hall—Bus transport to and from School for students
- ◆ 1.30-2.30pm—Junior Carol Service, parents welcome
- ◆ 6.45pm—Y11-13 Roll check, St Mary's Church Hall
- ◆ 7.00-8.00pm—Senior Carol Service, parents welcome—Bus transport for Boarders

#### Friday 11 December

- ◆ 10.00am—Form Check at Theatre Royal, Bus transport for Boarders
- ◆ 10.30am—Prize-giving (whole school)
- ◆ Y13 Leavers' Ball practice immediately at conclusion of Prize-giving
- ◆ 6.15pm—Y13 Leavers' Ball, Bay Hall

### APPLICATIONS FOR DERIVED GRADES

for externally assessed NCEA Achievement Standards in 2015.

If your daughter was unable to sit an examination, or her performance was significantly impaired during an examination, she may submit an application for derived grades. These grades are based on existing evidence that the School holds. The process is clearly explained on the NZQA website and application forms may be downloaded from there.

Applications must be received by the Principal's Nominee, Amanda Winter, no later than Monday 7 December.

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

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE...

## Craighead Market Day

Saturday 5 March, 11am-2pm

Hosted by Craighead Parents and Friends

(see further information attached to today's Newsletter)



## END-OF-YEAR REMINDERS

*Please check at home for items belonging to school and return them as soon as possible.*

### ◆ TEXTBOOK AND EQUIPMENT RETURN

Students must return borrowed items to school before Friday 18 December or they will be charged for their replacement. We prefer to have items returned, rather than charged, thank you.

### ◆ 2016 TIMETABLE

Mr Kane is currently working on the 2016 timetable. After NCEA examinations, Deans will speak to any student who has a timetable clash. We know how disappointing this can be for students but we do work very hard to make the timetable work for them. At this stage, we are not expecting students to change their subjects for any other reason, except under exceptional circumstances.

## YEAR 13 BLAZER BRAID

**2016 Year 13**—Please get your blazer dry-cleaned between now and 18 December, then drop your blazer at the School office after School closes so the new braid can be sewn on for you, ready for next year. (After prize-giving, clean blazers can be left at the Boarding House office.) Your blazer must have your name tag sewn into it and badges removed. **The cost is \$65.00**—either attach the money to your blazer when you drop it off or pay when you pick it up. **2015 braid is different from previous years so cannot be worn in 2016.**

## BOARDING HOUSE NEWS

### Weekend Outings:

Saturday 28 November—  
C/Bay and Christmas shopping

Sunday 29 November—  
Roses on the Bay

**Yvonne Thompson—Boarding Manager**

**Thank you to Kiri Hinton and Isabella Guerin for organising the Boarding House Hoodies**



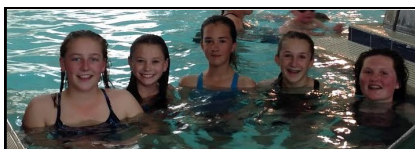
## DEBATING

Several debaters from Years 7-10 travelled to Christchurch on Tuesday to participate in activities associated with the Nga Kete Debating Tournament at Rangī



Ruru. Our team of Phoebe Trolove, Kate Low and Zoë Leen acquitted themselves extremely well, scoring a win against Rangī Ruru and a loss to St Margaret's College. Phoebe and Zoë were awarded Best Speakers in their rounds. Thank you to Mr Batchelor and Mrs Mulvihill who accompanied us.

**Glenys Whittington—TIC Debating**



## YEAR 7 AND 8 CAMP

Last Monday, Year 7 and 8 travelled to Queenstown for our 2015 camp. We stayed at Lakeland Christian Park. Some activities we enjoyed were the Luge, the Gondola, and a ride on the Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station for afternoon tea and a farm visit. There was also the interesting museum where we explored the school house and the Chinese village. On the last night, we went to the Skyline Restaurant to enjoy the Maori concert and have the most amazing buffet ever!!! Overall we had a brilliant experience and can't wait till next year's camp when we will be year 8s!!!



**By Libby Geary & Charlotte Mulder (Y7)**

## GERMAN

As part of a unit on Directions, Year 10 German students enjoyed a scooter trip this week, departing from school, taking a variety of routes to Caroline Bay. Girls worked in groups and wrote directions in German. Once there, we



shared an interesting array of German food, including dark bread, cheese, gherkins, pretzels, lollies (Haribo, of course), Stollen (a typical cake served at Christmas time) and a favourite, Zopf (a German sweet plaited bread). We were fortunate to have Anna-Lisa from Germany with us. The outing was a great success!

**Shona Reid—German Teacher**

## TENNIS

Kate Crawford and Matilda Hayman (Y8) competed in the South Island Year 7 and 8 Primary School Tennis Championships, held in Timaru this week—a fantastic effort by these girls as there were only sixteen Year 7 and 8 girls selected across the South Island to compete for the title. They had an enjoyable two days, but found the competition very tough.

Both girls have also been selected in the Southern Regions' 12s Girls Tennis team to compete in the New Zealand National Team event to be held in Auckland in January 2016.



**YEAR 10 ECONOMICS MARKET DAY**  
Held on Tuesday this week, featuring bright sunshine, bunting in the breeze, creative girls and fabulous shopping!  
*Well done Year 10 Economics!*



## STUDENT HELP REQUIRED... NZSS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

Student Volunteers are needed to assist at the **New Zealand Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships** being held in Timaru on **Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December, 2015**. If you are interested in helping for a half or full day, please see Mr Faith or Mrs SurrIDGE in the Sports Office—a great opportunity to watch talented athletes in action!

**UNIFORM SHOP & SECOND HAND SHOP—Final opening date for 2015...**  
**Friday 4 December—3.30-4.00pm**

- ◆ **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CLOSED:**  
18 December 2015—25 January 2016
- ◆ **STUDENT STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS 2016**  
Details to come in December newsletters