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THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Student Leadership

It was the turn of Year Nine to lead this week's Assembly with 9GK and Mrs Kirke stepping up to plan and organise the programme. We were reminded of the 'real meaning of Christmas' in both video and dramatic form, followed by a photo summary of highlights from the Year 7 and 8 Camp to Queenstown. Some Design students showcased their over-the-shoulder bags then Olivia McKenzie and Lucy Harrison shared their skills with the snare drums. Congratulations to Isellah Gordon and Meghan Templeton who compered.

Front office remodel and Kitchener Square entrance

There is no suitable time in the school year to undertake renovations! Remodelling the front office needs to start shortly in order to ensure that the renovations are completed ready for the start of the 2016 school year. We hope that it will provide a much better interface for all members of our school community. In the meantime, the front office has been temporarily located in the library. Please bear with us as we work through this process. We are very grateful to our Parents and Friends who have provided almost half of the cost of upgrading our new front office. The final phase of the new Senior Boarding house is also set to start next week, with the landscaping of the Kitchener Square Entrance. In the longer term, this driveway will become the main entrance to the Boarding House, with the strengthening of Shand House in the foreseeable future.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Patron, Mr Len Home, and his family with the passing of Mrs Nessie Home this week.

God Bless, Lindy Graham

L.G. Graham



PROGRAMME FOR LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL 2015

PLEASE NOTE: Year 7-9 students have been given an information letter regarding the programme for Monday and Tuesday of next week. The same letter has been emailed to Year 10 parents. Please ensure you have read this information.

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
- ♦ 8.20am—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
- ♦ 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 Church for students. Students dismissed at the end of the service.
- ♦ 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

PLEASE NOTE—Carol Service Seating: There are two Carol services as St Mary's now has a smaller maximum number of seats legally available (299) so the whole school cannot fit into one service. There will be approximately 100 seats available for guests from the School community at the Junior Service. However, there will be only approximately 60 seats available for guests at the Senior Service. **Because this is the last opportunity for parents of Year 13 students to attend, we have reserved the seating for them. We respectfully ask that parents of other Year levels do not come to this evening service.**

Friday 11 December

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



NO SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December

We have been advised that the school bus providers will finish for the year on Wednesday 9 December and there will be NO country bus service on the final two days of term, 10 and 11 December. Other Timaru schools have closed for the year by this date. **Please see the separate email regarding this notice, which has been sent to you today.**

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

We extend our best wishes to the following students competing in the NZ Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships, being held in Timaru this weekend:

Caitlin Alexander Open 2000m Walk
Elizabeth Hampton Open 300m Hurdles, Senior 400m Sprint
Anna Hayward Junior 400m Sprint

MY DREAM JOB

Year 9 classes have completed a Careers unit, "Explore and Compare," in Social Studies. The unit focused on the development of self-knowledge, with a



brief foray into the world of work. On Tuesday this week, the girls had the opportunity to wear mufti with the theme being "My Dream Job."

JUNIOR SPEECH CUP

Congratulations to all the contestants in the Junior Speech Cup. The 18 entries were all of exceptionally high quality. The girls and staff enjoyed an engaging afternoon with the opportunity to hear a wide range of interesting and thought-provoking topics. Kate Low and Zoë Leen were placed first equal, with their speeches on 'Stereotypes of Mental Illness' and 'Regrets'. Amy Xie was runner up, with her speech on 'Being Proud to be called Lazy'.



NZQA EXAMINATION RESULTS

2015 NCEA examination results will be available via the Student Learner Login during January 2016. NCEA answer booklets will be returned in late January to the New Zealand address provided to NZQA. If you want NCEA or NZ Scholarship Visual Arts portfolios returned to an overseas address, you must contact NZQA by 1 March 2016 and pay a fee.

Please contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 if your daughter has a permanent address change during December or January to make sure answer booklets are returned to the correct address.

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.

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.**

DONATED BOOKS FOR SAMOA

(Left) **Leana Kemp and Jazmin Fuller** sort through second hand books to be sent to **All Saints Primary School in Apia, Samoa**. This is the second year Jazmin has been involved in this initiative, having visited the School in 2014. Leana is a member of the Chapel Committee. A warm thank you to everyone who donated books.



2015 LEAVERS' BALL FLOWERS Urgently Required!

We still require a variety of the following peach and cream roses for our floral arrangements: Norwich Castle, Brandy, Just Joey, Spiced Coffee, Warm Wishes, Lady Barbara, Ginger Kisses, Perle d'Or, cream Cecile Brunner, white/cream Banksia, Iceberg or similar. We also require foliage, especially Bronze Flax.



Contributions are required at Caroline Bay Hall by 9am on Thursday 10 December please. If you can contribute or need flowers/foliage picked up on Wednesday 9 December, please contact **Karyn Buckingham—686 0816/027 331 4653**, or **Sarah Rae—027 231 9039**.

HOCKEY COACHES REQUIRED



Craighead Hockey is seeking to fill the Coach and Assistant Coach positions for our 1st XI, 2nd XI and Development teams for 2016. Applications forms and Job Description are available on the School website: www.craighead.school.nz then click on the link to the Craighead Sports Portal.

Applications close on Friday 15 January 2015.

Postal address: Craighead Diocesan School, Wrights Ave, Timaru, 7910

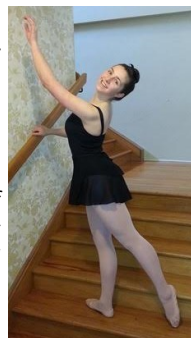
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If you have any queries, please phone Sarah Harvey, Chairperson of CDS Hockey Committee, 03 614 7703 or 021 189 7507.

DANCE

Louise Goodwin, Year 12, recently achieved a Distinction award in her NZAMD Jazz Dancing examination, with a perfect score of 100%. The examiner has nominated her for the national NZAMD Scholarship Awards in 2016.

Julia Hogg (right), Year 11, has passed her Senior Advanced 1 British Ballet Organization examination with Distinction. This grade takes two years to achieve. Julia has also successfully auditioned and landed the leading role of the mermaid "Ariel" in the Junior South Canterbury Drama League's 2016 production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid", to be performed at Timaru's Theatre Royal in April. She is looking forward to the opportunity to use both her dancing and singing talents in this delightful character role.



FRENCH AND GERMAN—A Sharing of Cultures

There were Spitzbuben, Madeleines, Haselnusstorte and Tarte au Citron, Macarons and Lebkuchen—a culinary extravaganza in fact!

As an end-of-year activity, the Year 10 French and German classes researched well-known dishes (with Christmas in mind) in France and Germany, created postcards which detailed the history behind the dish, and the recipe, and then, the most challenging part, created it. The results were worthy of Masterchef! The girls enjoyed the ups and downs of making their creations. The shared lunch was a lovely opportunity to look at just how much the two countries have in common in terms of language and culture, and food is always an excellent way of bringing people together!



Languages Department

SOUTH CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS Aorangi Stadium, Tuesday 1 December



Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 girls who performed very well: **Elsie Love**—3rd 100m 12+ Final, 2nd 200m Final
Kate Crawford—1st U11 Baseball Throw
Nicole Arundell—3rd 11+ Long Jump

AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE YEAR LEVEL DEAN – end of January 2016

There is an opportunity for parents/caregivers and/or students to come and talk to the Year Level Dean about anything you need to know or we need to know for a good start to the academic year. Reasons for an appointment could include such things as time required off school, individual learning or programme needs, academic goals, or family situations. 15 minute appointments can be made on-line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, Event Code ME2VV, anytime between now and 25 January, for appointments Tuesday 26-Thursday 28 January.

The Year Level Deans for 2016 are unchanged from 2015:

Year 7 and 8—Mrs Sonia Ottley

Year 9 and 10—Miss Kelly Dawe

Year 11—Mrs Vanessa Mulvihill

Year 12 and 13—Mrs Gillian Towle

2016 Timetable and Form Teachers

Students and Parents/Caregivers will be able to use their KAMAR log-ins (sorry new families you haven't yet received this) to see 2016 timetables from 24 January, however, changes are likely to continue to be made right up to the end of that week. These final changes include the composition of form classes. Senior students should contact their Dean if they find they have **not met subject prerequisites** after results of NCEA examinations are published. Students should be able to download their timetable by Friday 29 January. Students will receive a printed copy when they come back to school.

UNIFORM SHOP & SECOND HAND SHOP—Final opening date for 2015...

Tomorrow, Friday 4 December—3.30-4.00pm