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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena koutou katoa

Each year our **Year 13 students** step up to lead, serve, motivate and inspire their fellow students. Already we have seen evidence of enthusiastic, committed and talented young leaders who are prepared to be fully involved in the life of the school in their final year. Head Students, Rose McLeod and Louise Goodwin took the opportunity in our first Assembly to formally introduce themselves to the whole school and to share their vision along with practical ideas for working together as a student leadership team. We look forward to working with all of our Year 13's as they take on a range of responsibilities. They have already set the bar high with their personal standards and expectations. We know they will all be wonderful ambassadors for Craighead. The **Kapa Haka** group, supported by Mrs Ottley and Mr Te Raki, were also impressive in the way they started off our school year by warmly welcoming and honouring our new students and staff during our mihi whakatau.



We are delighted to watch our new students settling in, with the whole school community focussing on, and involved, in pastoral care. The theme chosen for this term is **'Kindness'** which is a very important personal quality and fits well with our Special Character. As Deputy Head Girl from 2015, Lily McFarlane stated in her valedictory speech, "In my mind, a valuable member of the Craighead family is someone who displays kindness, good humour and empathy. I've learned more and more that you are remembered by how you have treated others, above all else".

Our **Uniform Committee** are very excited to be moving into the new, but temporary, premises in the bottom of the Rhodes Wing with access off Wrights Ave. The first official shop open day is tomorrow, Friday 5 February, from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. In time, signage will be added as the premises are still in the process of being converted for use as a uniform shop.

I mentioned last week that our interim NCEA results from 2015 were superb again. Specific details will be released at a later date, but in the meantime, students who received Excellence endorsements will be recognised with **Scholars Colours** at our Assembly next week. Parents are most welcome to join us for this Assembly. Please note the change in time from previous years. Assembly now takes place before lunch on a Wednesday, starting promptly at 11.50am.

The start of the new school year has also brought some unexpected issues for us to deal with. We are working on ensuring the fire alarms do not go off except in a real event. The server has also experienced an unusual technical hitch, necessitating parts being couriered from Australia! This has meant that the newsletter may not appear in its usual form, as it is currently unobtainable. Please bear with us as we work through each problem.

God Bless, Lindy Graham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Fri 5	All Forms—normal timetable	
	Junior Chapel line up in Auditorium	8.30am
	Form Time	8.50am
Sat 6-Sun 7	Boarding House open	
Sat 6-Mon 8	Rowing Camp	
Mon 8	Waitangi Day observed—School Closed	
	Boarding House open	
Tue 9-Wed 10	ID and form class photographs—whole school	
Fri 12	Athletic Heats—Aorangi athletics stadium	12.45pm
Sat 13-Sun 14	Boarders Compulsory Weekend in	
Sun 14	Compulsory Chapel Service—Whole School	7.00pm-
	Y13 Commissioning in Auditorium	8.00pm

Please refer to the School website for further Term One dates



Marshalling for swimming heats as the temperature hits 31°!

Meet Rose McLeod—Head Girl 2016

During our annual Prize Giving, when it was announced that I would be Head Girl for 2016, I was on Spirit of Adventure. I had no contact with anyone for 10 days so I was unaware that I was Head Girl. Finding out was incredibly exciting, and slightly overwhelming. I felt so honoured to be given this leadership role. Being Craighead's Head Girl will be an amazing personal experience. I am privileged to lead a school I am so proud to attend.



I began Craighead as a 13 year old, in 2012. Four years on I am now 17 and have truly loved my time here at Craighead. Craighead has enabled me to take advantage of the many opportunities offered to us, in particular sport. I play Netball and Touch Rugby competitively, and have previously been involved in Volleyball and Badminton. Culturally I am a keen Drama student, and a member of the Kapa Haka group at school. I have completed my Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hillary awards, and am working towards my Gold. Through the schools' support and encouragement, I applied for and was chosen to be the Rangitata Youth MP for 2016.

Craighead offers a supportive and kind environment. I hope as Head Girl, I will lead with the kind and approachable nature that has surrounded me for the past four years. I am ready, and looking forward to the challenges I will face this year. I know the experiences from this year will benefit me in the future, and set me up for University.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE...

CRAIGHEAD MARKET DAY

Saturday 5 March 2016, 11am-2pm
Hosted by Craighead Parents and Friends

We look forward to your support—
please watch this space for further information



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

BOARDING HOUSE NEWS

Weekend Outings:

Saturday 6 February: Caroline Bay beach walk and C/Bay

Sunday 7 February: Walk to Jack's Point lighthouse, picnic by the pool

Please Note: If your daughter would like a meal on Monday evening, dinner will be at 5.30pm.

Please remember, if you have any concerns at all, you can contact me after school, either personally or by phone, on 03 684 2251.

Yvonne Thompson—Director of Boarding

NCEA REVIEWS AND RECONSIDERATIONS

NCEA examination booklets will be returned directly to students any day now. If required, review and reconsideration applications and payments can be made online. All details are available through the NZQA website. Candidates need to download their personalised review from through their Learner Login, complete it, then send it in with the relevant examination booklet or portfolio. **Applications must be made by Friday 19 February 2016.** If you have any queries, please see Mrs Amanda Winter or email winteram@craighead.school.nz.

UNIFORM SHOP and SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Our next open day is tomorrow, Friday 5 February, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Please Note: The Uniform Shop is temporarily located in Rhodes Wing—please look for the sign at the boarding house driveway. The Second Hand Shop is located in the Auditorium, to the left of the staircase.

EFTPOS is available at the Uniform shop
Cash or cheques only at the Second Hand Shop



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Year 13 2015 Social Committee donated some of their fundraising profits to the Street Cats Charity at the end of last year. Pictured left is Caitlin Alexander, Y10, with some of the cats who will benefit from this donation!

ST MARY'S CHURCH MARKET MORNING

St Mary's Church are having their annual market morning **next Saturday 13 February** at their church hall on Church Street. Please support them, as they support our School community. They will also accept saleable goods which can be dropped off at the church hall.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mrs Julie McLean, Head of the International Department, and Old Girl Jung Min Lee, with our new Year 7 Korean student Seoyun Choi, being fitted out with her PE uniform in the new Uniform Shop in Rhodes.



ROWING

Congratulations to the rowers, and many thanks to coaches, parents and supporters for a very successful weekend at the South Island Club Championships. The girls had two long, hot days of competition resulting in a number of medals. This was the last club regatta for the season and congratulations must go to all the schools who participated under the Timaru Rowing Club umbrella for a very successful regatta. The hard work is really just starting now as the Craighead squad continues to train and prepare for upcoming regattas, working towards NZ Secondary Schools' Maadi Cup regatta which will be held at Lake Ruataniwha in the first week of April.

Results are as follows:

Girls U17 Double Sculls, Gold: S Templeton, O Hughes

Girls U16 Coxed Quad Sculls, Silver: P Trolove, J Martin, Z Leen, B Harrison, B Smith (cox)

Girls U17 Coxed Quad Sculls, Silver: S Tulley, K Jackson, O Hughes, S Templeton, G O'Sullivan (cox)

Womens U19 Coxed Four, Bronze: S Templeton, E Trolove, O Hughes, E Gawler, G O'Sullivan (cox)

Womens U19 Coxless Pair Oars, Bronze: S Templeton, E Trolove

Girls U17 Coxed Four, Bronze: S Tulley, K Jackson, O Hughes, E Gawler, B Smith (cox)

Girls U15 Coxed Eight, Bronze: M Templeton, N Derwin, P Trolove, A Taggart, O Jurasovich, S Dunbar, T Cvitanich, S Innes, G O'Sullivan (cox)



CRAIGHEAD PARENTS AND FRIENDS

A reminder that our first Parents and Friends meeting for the year is tomorrow, **Friday 5 February at 2.00pm**, in the Auditorium Foyer.

All are welcome to come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chance to meet and chat to existing and new parents of Craighead students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Teresa Templeton, 021 863 665
Chairperson, Parents and Friends



SWIMMING HEATS

Pool action as swimming heats get underway this afternoon

