



# Newsletter

Thursday 29 June 2017



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing—Key to Life Charitable Trust, Mike King**

Kiwi entertainer and radio show host Mike King is coming to South Canterbury in the week of 24-28 July. He was scheduled to talk at Craighead about mental health (sharing his own experiences of mental illness and addiction) but given the very sensitive nature of his talks, we believe that our students are best to attend the evening session in Timaru, accompanied by their parents, on Wednesday 26 July, starting at 7pm (venue to be advised). All schools take student mental health and wellness seriously. Our own School Counsellor, Mrs Joanne Grace ([gracejo@craighead.school.nz](mailto:gracejo@craighead.school.nz)), is available to talk with anyone who has concerns regarding mental health and wellbeing. We have good **support services** available both in school and in our local community. Support Agencies include:

Adventure Development: 03 684 5830

TACT crisis team 24/7: 0800 277 997

Lifeline: 0800 111 777

Youthline: 0800 376 633

Public Health Nursing (Nicole Kennedy): 027 223 2670

CAMHS Adolescent Mental Health: 687 2189

Parents Helpline: 0800 4 727 368

Samaritans: 0800 726 666

### **July Holiday Break and Preparation for Practice for External Examinations**

The school year is always very busy and this term was no exception. We held our annual Open Day, and took part in StAC and Rangi Ruru sports exchanges, in addition to our regular winter sports competitions. Term Two featured many exciting cultural activities—Stage Challenge, House Choirs, Craighead X Factor, to name a few!

Attendance at our compulsory Special Character events during the year means that the extra time adds up to an additional week in the July holiday break. This is a wonderful opportunity for both staff and students to rest and recover from the busy term (and flu symptoms!).

Although some time must be put aside to recharge the batteries, our senior students do need to plan their study programmes for ensuring academic success. Our practice external examinations will be held from 23-30 August. Year 11 students found the Karen Boyes Study Skills programme very helpful so the upcoming holiday break is the time to put some strategies into place. Staff are well versed at providing helpful hints for effective study in their various subject areas and they are only too happy to advise. This is also a good time for Year 13 to get their CV and references ready, or research how to apply for scholarships and Halls of Residence, in preparation for life beyond secondary school. Drafting a study plan will

mean that busy lives can be managed around other commitments. We wish everyone a lovely winter break.

God Bless, Lindy Graham

**Head of English, Mrs Margaret Foley (right) with Miss Isobel Mills-Williams, who leaves us this week after two years at Craighead**



**This week, we farewell our wonderful Latitude Gap students who are returning to Germany after a year at Craighead: Miriam Bergman, Sonya Winkler and Kathi Schroder**

## Dates for your Diary

### JUNE/JULY

Fri 30	TERM TWO ends, Boarding House closes 6pm
Sat 1-Sun 2	SISS Squash, Christchurch
Fri 7-Sat 8	SISS Swimming, Blenheim
Sat 8	SISS Clay Target Shooting
Sat 8-Sun 9	SISS Cycling, Ruapuna, Christchurch
Mon 10-Wed 13	Y9/10 Netball, Christchurch
Thur 13	University of Canterbury Open Day
	Lincoln University Open Day
Sun 23	Boarding House opens 3.00pm
Mon 24	TERM THREE begins

## NZQA and SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS FEES

Fees for NZQA and Scholarship Examinations will be due on **26 August 2017**. Invoices will be posted to all parents/caregivers early in Term Three. **If you require financial assistance**, please collect a form from the school office or download a form from the NZQA website and return to Ms Lara Hearn by **1 August**.

## EXAMINATION READER/WRITER ASSISTANCE

Our school needs one or two more Reader/Writers to assist students with Special Assessment Conditions in the school practice examinations (23-30 August) and in the NCEA external examinations (9 November–1 December).

Examinations run for three hours and may be either morning or afternoon. This role is clearly outlined on the NZQA website. The remuneration is approximately \$25 per hour. If you would like to apply for this role or you have further questions, please email Ms Lara Hearn, Principal's NZQA Nominee, [hearnla@craighead.school.nz](mailto:hearnla@craighead.school.nz)

## Meet—Kate Jackson

### Te Hau-a-uru House Leader 2017



I arrived at Craighead in 2011 as an innocent Year 7 student. I was very nervous and excited for the adventures which lay ahead and the opportunities which would be available to me. Living in the Boarding House for the past seven years has definitely set me up with skills, allowing me to cope with being away from home. I sought to involve myself in a wide range of activities, including Rowing, Hockey, Debating, Public Speaking, and various school committees.

Participating in something new, giving something a go, supporting your peers, learning to cope with success and disappointment are all challenges and triumphs which I have faced during my time here, shaping me as a student and as a leader. A leadership role is something which you cannot take on alone. This is where I really appreciate the immense support I have from my Deputy, Issy Whitticase, my Year 13 House group, and the enthusiasm of the rest of the girls. Being a leader is not to do with authority, but having an influence and a vision, and being able to convey that. To have the ability to be strong but not offensive, kind but not weak, bold but not a bully, thoughtful but not lazy, humble but not timid, proud but not arrogant; to have the courage to make strong decisions, but have compassion to listen to others—this is my goal as a Student Leader in 2017, and something I hope to take into my future endeavours.

**UNIFORM NOTICE...** During the holidays, please check that the length of your daughter's kilt is between 30-33cm off the ground with shoes on, and have it altered if necessary. Please also ensure that blazers and kilts are dry-cleaned if necessary.

## SHOOTING

The Craighead Shooting team attended the Timaru Intercollegiate Clay Target Shooting held on Sunday 25 June. The team of Madison Lane, Kate Trimble, Alexzandra Hopa-Parke, Ella Hart and Lucy Black included three new shooters. The girls all shot well, however, Kate was the star



of the day placing third in the Single Rise, first in the Points Score, first in the Single Barrel and winning the trophy for High Overall. Madison Lane was third in the Single Barrel. Kate, Madison and Lucy won the teams' event.



## RANGI RURU JUNIOR SPORTS EXCHANGE

Well done to our students who participated with such enthusiasm and energy at our recent Sports Exchange with Rangi Ruru Girls' School in Christchurch. Against a much larger



school we won two games, drew one and lost six. **Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Fair Play Awards:**

Hockey: **Olivia Jackson**

7/8B Netball: **Cate Lightbourne**

9B Netball: **Heidi Vogel**

10B Netball: **Courtney McRobie**

9A Basketball: **Rosa Izard**

7/8A Netball: **Jessica Vogel**

9A Netball: **Kate Crawford**

10A Netball: **Kristie Brown**

10A Basketball: **Angel Ellerbroek**



Looking ahead to 2018, these holidays are an important time for Year 13 students to refine their plans for next year. They need to be pro-active and check websites regularly for recent course and scholarship updates. Open Day visits are highly recommended. Please encourage your daughter to keep her options open!

The girls are well advised to take time to assemble their CV, NCEA results, birth certificate and, if necessary, references so they are ready to apply for scholarships and Halls of Residence. Applications for these close August/September 2017. **Important information to assist with this process will be emailed to parents/caregivers this week.**

Otago University Information Evening—Thursday 27 July, 7-8.30 pm—  
ASB Pavilion, Benvenue, Timaru

UC Open Day—Thursday 13 July

Lincoln Open Day—Friday 14 July

## NEWS FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE

### End-of-Term Arrangements:

The Boarding House will close at 6.00 pm tomorrow, Friday 30 June and re-open at 3.00 pm on Sunday 25 July, when there will be an evening meal available for the girls. **All boarders are to return no later than 7.00 pm; girls should NOT plan to return on Monday morning.** This gives them time to unpack, unwind, settle into their new rooms and prepare for the next day in school.



If you have any concerns at all, you can contact Mrs Tracy Dockrill: Email [dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz](mailto:dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz) or phone 03 684 2253. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

**Mrs Tracy Dockrill—Acting Director of Boarding, Term Three**



**National Excellence in Teaching Awards**

**Nominations for the 2017 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA) close on Monday 3 July.**

ASG's NEITA Foundation was established in 1994 to honour exemplary teaching throughout Australia and New Zealand. These awards have provided communities with the opportunity to formally recognise and thank outstanding teachers and leaders, by acknowledging the valuable role they play in the development of our young people. **We have outstanding teachers at Craighead who are worthy of this award. If you would like to nominate someone, please use the following link: [www.asg.co.nz/neita](http://www.asg.co.nz/neita)**

**UNIFORM SHOP**—Open every Friday in Term Three—3.30-4.30pm  
*EFTPOS is available at the Uniform shop*

**SECOND HAND SHOP** this Friday 30 June and 28 July, 3.30-4.30pm  
*Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop*

## 2018 CRAIGHEAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Please check our website for details and application forms for Scholarships offered to Craighead students. Scholarships are available to both current and students new to the school in 2018. Please note that there are other Scholarships available at different year levels. There is a link button on the website homepage titled "2018 Scholarships".



LanguagePerfect

## LANGUAGE PERFECT

Congratulations to our Languages students who competed in the Language Perfect World Championships, earning 79,999 points and answering 220,108 questions! Craighead was placed first for French in New Zealand for our category (51-100 language students).

**Elite award:** Amy Xie (right)

**Gold awards:** Yaye Chanawichote, Olivia Frogley, Charlotte Howe, Emma Jarvie, Lucy MacDonald, Tara MacDonald, Alice Ritchie, Heidi Vogel, Isabella Wilson

**Silver awards:**

Molly Devries, Macey Dobson, Evie Short

**Bronze awards:**

Nicole Arundell, Rosa Dobbs, Milly Ford, Rosa Izard, Danielle Jarvie, Georgia Lowe, Emma Miron, Emily Munro, Amanda Shallard, Jessica Townshend, Ava Young



**We  
Need  
Your  
Help  
Please**

## HOMESTAYS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

Thank you for the response to my recent request for homestay placements for the visiting Japanese and Chinese students—we now have them accommodated for their time at Craighead. In addition, a group from Korea are coming to us for approximately eight weeks from 21 July, as part of a Government-led initiative. Whether you are parents of a daygirl or a boarder, we would encourage you to host if you would like to share your family experience with one of our visiting students. We are able to place some students in the boarding house for the weekdays, then they could join boarding families at home for the weekends, offering students a great insight into rural New Zealand life.

A homestay fee is paid to host families, and support and advice given to help you have the best possible hosting experience. For further information, please contact me to discuss the possibility of joining our group of homestay providers for this specific visit.

**Julie McLean, International Department—027 2232 772**  
[mcleanju@craighead.school.nz](mailto:mcleanju@craighead.school.nz)

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
OPEN DAY**

10am to 1pm, Saturday 1 July  
Timaru campus, Arthur Street  
[ara.ac.nz](http://ara.ac.nz) | 0800 24 24 76

Discover how to improve your English for work, study and everyday life.

- ◆ Meet tutors and student advisors
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