



# Newsletter

Thursday 21 September 2017



*Kia ora te reo Māori - naumai haere mai, nga mihi nui te whanau o Craighead.*

**Student-led and student-focused initiatives**—With personal wellness a focus for Term Three, we have seen lots of student-led and very enjoyable initiatives this week. Our Student Leaders organized another student-led Assembly which featured a whole-school SADD Kahoot competition and an International Peace Day photograph, taken by drone! This was complemented by a Health Committee Sausage Sizzle, a House-based Tug-o-War and a lunchtime Pilates session taken by Rob, an instructor from Performance Training. Our students (and staff) relished the opportunity to enjoy wearing leisure wear to school.



Students celebrating International Day of Peace on the Dining Room lawn

**Hosting the local Electoral Candidates**—With the election date fast approaching, we were delighted when all five of the local candidates agreed to present main aspects of their party's policies to a very interested group of students and staff during a lunchtime session early this week. Each



candidate took the time to introduce themselves and outline what their party is campaigning upon, then answered some questions pertaining to gender equity, family violence, mental health and the state of our waterways. We were impressed by all the candidates and our Senior students, in particular, appreciated the opportunity to hear the issues presented by each party hopeful. In noting that politics 'are not boring', we keenly await the outcome of Election 2017!



Gymnasium progress...

**International Speech Competition** – Congratulations to **Atawhai Wooldridge** (below) who took part in the Future Schools' Japanese Speech competition, vying for an all-expenses paid trip to Japan in December. Although not placed in the top two, Atawhai performed extremely well, giving a polished speech on the topic based around Culture and Heritage. She was well supported by family, friends and Craighead staff.

God Bless,  
**Lindy Graham—Principal**



...new bike shed

## Dates for your Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- Fri 22** Subject Choice Conferences Y10-12, 9am-5pm  
Parent/Teacher Interviews Y11-13, 9am-5pm
- Mon 25** **South Canterbury Anniversary Day—School Closed, Boarding House Open**
- Thur 28** Lip Sync—Turley Auditorium, 7.30pm
- Fri 29** **TERM THREE ENDS—Boarding House closes 5pm**

### OCTOBER

- Sun 15** Boarding House opens 3pm
- Mon 16** **TERM FOUR BEGINS**
- Mon 23** **Labour Day—School Closed**

### PLEASE NOTE.... UNIFORM

Summer or Winter Uniform is optional from the beginning of Term 4 until Labour Weekend, after which Summer Uniform is required to be worn.

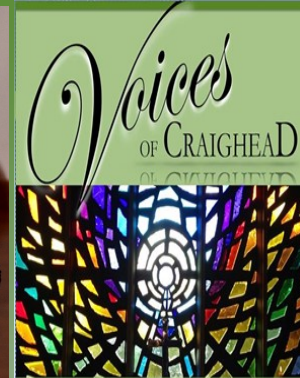
PGG Wrightson

Helping raise funds for Craighead...

Ballance

PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying Ballance fertiliser purchased by farmers who have registered and nominated their school at [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz).

Schools also have the opportunity to win iPads with the **Cash for Communities 2017 Programme**





## Meet Skyla May—Head of Social Committee 2017

This year, I have had the pleasure of holding the position of Head of the Social Committee alongside my two deputies, Sara Wallace and Mary Roberts. After much debate and brainstorming to plan the Senior Formal, we decided to run with a Carnival theme. The large team of twenty girls all worked together, attending weekly meetings and organising food, decorations, music, lighting, sound and much more. This role was demanding especially in the last weeks of preparation, however, it was highly enjoyable and on the night seeing it all come together was satisfying as well as super fun. In keeping with the Carnival theme, attractions included a huge balloon arch, a cotton candy machine and photo booths—the menu consisted of popcorn, cotton candy, mini hotdogs and much more. The DJ commented on the amazing atmosphere, with everyone dancing constantly and having a good time. The night was a huge success and all our effort was worth it. In my role I gained leadership and event planning skills and overall have thoroughly enjoyed leading the Social Committee this year. Now I am continuing my studies in preparation for attending Victoria University next year, as well as participating in various other committees and sport ventures before I finish my fifth and final year at Craighead.



## Sanford Science and Technology Fair

The Sanford Science and Technology Fair took place last week, with 292 entries received from 29 Schools in the South Canterbury region. Craighead had 20 entries, with the best investigations taken from Year 7-10, after in-school judging was carried out by class teachers. Our students had great success, with Nicole Arundell winning the Overall First in Fair prize, as well as the Senior ECAN section. She will now represent the region at the ECAN regional final in Christchurch next week. Jessica Vogel was placed second equal in the Junior ECAN section and also has the opportunity to present her project to ECAN counsellors. The standard of the projects submitted by CDS students was excellent and many of our students were rewarded with placings in their sections. Congratulations to all of the prize winners and students selected to exhibit their investigations at the Fair.

**Year 8 Individual Awards**—Gold—Jessica Vogel, Bronze—Emily Jane Clucas, Lucy Crawford

**Year 8 Team Award**—Bronze—Jessamy Roadley, Jahzara Payne

**Year 9&10 Individual Awards**—Gold—Sophie Tucker, Nicole Arundell

**Year 9&10 Team Award**—Bronze—Zoliekah Judd, Amber Murray

**Years 11-13 Individual Award**—Silver—Alexis Townshend

**Ecan Awards**—1st—Nicole Arundell, 2nd— Jessica Vogel

**NZ Statistical Society, Best use of Statistics**—Gold—Nicole Arundell

**Senior Photography Award**—Silver—Jessica Townshend, Bronze—Alexis Townshend

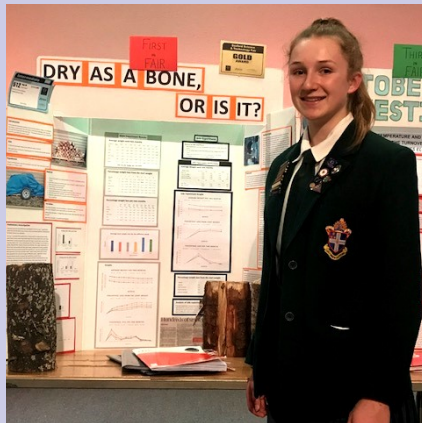
**Canterbury University Emerging Scientist**—Gold—Alexis Townshend, Silver—Alia Cooper, Catriona Macgregor

**NIWA Awards**—Gold—Nicole Arundell, Prize—Jessica Vogel

**Ara Award**—First Senior—Sophie Tucker

**Ara Aerodynamics Awards**—Nicole Arundell, Milly Ford

**Sanford Science and Technology Fair, Overall Winner**—Nicole Arundell (above)



Last Thursday, Year 13 students had a presentation from

two CDS old girls who took different career paths to success. Sam Olley, a radio journalist, and Kimberley Ward, a graphic designer, both spoke about their journeys from school to a career, and the challenges and opportunities along the way. Sam spoke about the value of having taster work experience before committing to a course of study. Kimberley studied locally, and now works as the national graphic designer for Farmlands, developing her own Polar Design business after hours!

The Year 13 girls thoroughly enjoyed the inspirational talks, and went away with a lot to think about.

**Sam von Melville and Hattie Adams**



**South Canterbury Rugby's Hanan Shield team** has a mini tournament against Otago, Canterbury and Canterbury development teams this Saturday 23 September at Geraldine Rugby grounds. Games are at 11.00am (Canterbury), 12 noon (Canterbury Development) and 1.00pm (Otago).

**Craighead students playing for South Canterbury are:** Taylor Allan, Maggie Bolina, Nikita Clemens, Harriet Grace, Felicity Hampton and Sophie Lightbourne



**BASKETBALL**  
Congratulations to Milly Ford (left) and Phoebe Trolove who have been included in a Basketball New Zealand Talent Selection squad from which the trial teams will be selected for a New Zealand Under 17 team.



### NEWS FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE

#### Weekend Outings:

Friday 22 September—Movie night  
Saturday 23 September—Town visit  
Sunday 4 September—Mini golf

#### South Canterbury Anniversary Day—

**Monday 25 September:** School is closed on this day but the Boarding House will remain open.

**School Holidays:** The Boarding House will close for the end of Term Three, on Friday 29 September at 5pm, and re-open on Sunday 15 October at 3pm.

If you have any concerns at all, you can contact Mrs Tracy Dockrill, Acting Director of Boarding, Term Three:

Email [dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz](mailto:dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz) or phone 03 684 2253.



### Craighead Hockey Breakup

**Thursday 19 October, 5.30pm, Turley Auditorium**  
Players, Coaches, Managers to attend. All parents and caregivers are welcome. Players, please bring a plate.



**UNIFORM SHOP**  
Open every Friday in Term Three—  
3.30-4.30pm  
EFTPOS is available at the Uniform shop [uniform@craighead.co.nz](mailto:uniform@craighead.co.nz)

**SECOND HAND SHOP**  
Open Friday 29 September—  
3.30-4.30pm  
Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop

**IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

South Canterbury Museum  
11-13 October  
7.30pm

Entry: Donation  
Limited Seats—call 03 687 7212 for reservations, or email [museum@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:museum@timdc.govt.nz)



### NETBALL COACHING POSITIONS 2018

Craighead Sports Department invites expressions of interest for Sport Coach and Manager positions in all grades for the 2018 Netball season.

If you are interested and would like an application form, please phone the Sports Department on 684 2268, or contact:

Allan Faith [allan.faith@craighead.school.nz](mailto:allan.faith@craighead.school.nz) or  
Diane Surrige [surrigedi@craighead.school.nz](mailto:surrigedi@craighead.school.nz)