



Tena koutou katoa

Summer Quadrangular Tournament—Five Craighead teams took part in the Summer Quad this week, hosted by Rangī Ruru in Christchurch. We competed in Debating, Volleyball, Tennis, Touch and Swimming against our sister city schools—Rangī Ruru, St Margaret's College and St Hilda's Collegiate. There were some very pleasing individual performances, and each of our teams showed significant improvement in performance over the two days of intense competition. It was lovely to see several of our parents supporting our girls from the side-lines. Thanks to the staff, coaches and managers who supported our students. We also thank Rangī Ruru for hosting and billeting all the competitors, and look forward to, once again, taking our turn to host Quad Tournaments in the future, utilising our new gymnasium facilities. All students enjoyed being billeted and forming new, or rekindling old, friendships.

Red Girdle Award—Two years ago, Craighead teaching staff reviewed the traditional Red Girdle Award. There had been a lot of informal discussion about its relevance for today's young women. It is extremely difficult to determine who should receive this award, as it has had very subjective criteria that is difficult to define. The award itself stems from "Drill" which was practiced during war times, and has had several iterations since then, as previous Headmistresses have tried to firm up selection criteria. At the end of 2017, the staff made the (majority) decision not to continue with the award in its current form. We believe that it is an outdated concept and that there may be better alternatives available—which we are in the process of investigating (which will include a 'service' component).

HOD Languages—We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Joaquin Ginés Rodríguez to the position of HOD Languages. Of Spanish descent, he is an experienced, New Zealand trained teacher who is able to teach both French and Spanish to Senior levels. We are lucky to have attracted someone of his calibre. Mr Ginés Rodríguez will begin at Craighead in Term Three, bringing with him his New Zealand-born wife, Margaret, and their two young children. The family are looking forward to moving to Timaru after living in Auckland for the past ten years. If any member of the school community has a three or four-bedroom home (relatively close to Craighead or Caroline Bay) that they are willing to rent to this family for up to one year, can you please let Mr Wayne Pahl know.

Congratulations to our 2017 Year 13 students who have been awarded NCEA Scholarships—**Ashleigh Meyer** (left) in Art History and **Isabel Whitticase** (centre) for Painting. **Sally Irving's** (right) Level 3 Art portfolio has been selected for the 2018 Top Art Exhibition.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(please see the calendar on the School website for further dates)

FEBRUARY

Fri 23 Craighead Swimming Sports—C-Bay, 9am—2.45pm

Sun 25 Aoraki Touch tournament

Mon 26-Tue 27 Year 12 Geography Field Trip, Mt Cook

MARCH

Thu 1 Y10/11 Parents NCEA Information Evening, Auditorium

Fri 2 Mufti Day to support Tonga—Island theme, gold coin
SISS Rowing
SISS Tennis
Y7/8 Have A Go day

Mon 5 Craighead Athletics Sports, Aorangi Athletic Stadium

Thurs 8-Fri 9 Y12 Biology field trip

Wed 7 Y9 Parents and Teachers Buffet Tea, 6.15pm

Swimming Sports, Friday 23 February—The weather forecast is looking promising for our annual Swimming Sports tomorrow. Students are required to be at C-Bay at 9am for roll call, with the racing scheduled to start at 9.30am. **Parents and supporters are most welcome to join us for all, or part of the day. Morning and afternoon tea will be available for guests.** This is a good opportunity to meet our new Director of Sport, Ms Alicia Cunningham. Feel free to bring along accessories in case of inclement weather—such as sunhat and sunscreen, or blanket and umbrella!

Good luck to **Kristie Brown** (Year 11) and **Alexandra Brown** (Year 9) who have been selected for NZ Waterskiing teams to compete at the 2018 Oz/Kiwi Challenge in Wanganui next week. They will compete in three events—slalom, jump and tricks, Kristie in the Under 17 category and Alex, Under 14. We also offer our best wishes to **Meghan Templeton** (Year 12) who is participating in the Central South Island Charity Bike Ride which left Timaru early this morning.

God Bless, **Lindy Graham**—Principal

B.G. Graham

Swimming Sports—Friday 23 February, 9.00am-2.45pm

Bus students and boarders will be bussed from school to C-Bay. All other students are expected to meet for a roll check at the pool at 9am. At the end of the sports, bus girls will be bussed back to school, boarders will walk back and daygirls dismissed from C-Bay. Parents are welcome at anytime during the day and may collect their daughters directly from the pool.

NCEA Information Evening—Thursday 1 March, 7.30pm

This short presentation is to assist parents in understanding how the NCEA qualification system works at Craighead. We welcome all parents but it is especially designed for parents of Year 10-11 students who have started NCEA subjects this year, or are about to start in 2019.

Meet Holly Lyttle—Sacristan 2018

I began at Craighead as a shy Year 7 student, uncertain of what the coming years would bring. Now, as a Year 13 student, I can reflect on all I have gained at Craighead over the past six years. Participating in sports and activities ranging from Netball, Badminton and Archery to the Craighead choirs, I have learnt the benefits of stepping out of my comfort zone and trying something new. The vast range of committees also allows me to interact with others with similar interests. This year, I am an active member of the SADD committee (Students Against Dangerous Driving), Chapel committee, Library committee and the Tech Angels. I also enjoy flying and recently completed my first solo flight!



Last year, I was fortunate enough to attend the annual Anglican Schools' conference held in Auckland, alongside my now Deputy Sacristan Catriona Macgregor. This was a very thought provoking experience. I got to connect with students from Anglican schools from all over New Zealand and learnt about how other schools incorporate Christian values into their school. The knowledge gained from this are something Catriona and I would like to implement in our Chapel services and see our school community enjoy the special character side as much as the people I met in Auckland do.

I feel very humbled to have been selected as Craighead's Sacristan for 2018. Craighead's special character is what really makes our school unique. Our Chapel is welcoming to all Craighead girls, helping them grow mentally and spiritually, and learn more about their own faith and values. I am looking forward to working with Craighead's new Chaplain, Reverend Lucy Flatt, and seeing the fresh new ideas she will bring to our Chapel and special character.

I am proud to be serving my school this year and although I am uncertain of what I want to do in the future, I am confident that Craighead has prepared me well for my endeavours beyond 2018.

Summer Quadrangular Tournament

On Monday and Tuesday this week, Craighead teams participated in the annual Summer Quadrangular Tournament hosted by Rangī Ruru in Christchurch. Fair Play certificates were awarded to the following girls:

Debating—Olivia Frogley
Swimming—Leana Kemp
Tennis—Lucy Crawford
Touch—Grace Hyslop
Volleyball—Bryleigh Collins



CAN YOU HELP?

Swimming and Athletics Sports

We are urgently needing parents to assist at our Swimming Sports tomorrow, Friday 23 February, and/or Athletic Sports on Monday 5 March. Please contact Diane Surridge (Sports Co-ordinator) if you are able to help—phone 684 2268.

Netball—Trial Dates

Year 10	Wednesday 28 February	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
	Tuesday 6 March	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
Year 9	Tuesday 27 February	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
	Wednesday 7 March	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
Skills Sessions	Wednesday 14 Feb	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
	Wednesday 21 Feb	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
Years 7/8	Wednesday 14 March	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
	Tuesday 20 March	SC Courts 3.45-5.00pm
Skills Sessions	Wednesday 28 Feb	SC Courts 3.45-4.45pm
	Wednesday 7 March	SC Courts 3.45-4.45pm

Mrs Diane Surridge—Sports Co-ordinator



Hockey

We warmly invite all Hockey parents to a meeting/AGM on Sunday 25 February at 7.00pm in the Craighead Dining Room.

Economics

Last Wednesday, Charlotte Bowan, CEO of Heartland Chips talked to Year 11 Economics, describing the growth of the local family company and their expanding product range. We particularly enjoyed hearing about the story behind the company and seeing how passionate she was about the business. The chips she brought for us were great too!



NEWS FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE

Weekend Outings:

Friday 23 February:

DVD evening and popcorn

Saturday 24 February: Mini Golf

Sunday 25 February: Trampoline Park



All Boarding Parents/Guardians are warmly invited to attend

The Boarding Forum

Monday 5 March, 10.00am—Athletic Sports Day
to be held in the pavilion at the Aorangi Athletics' Stadium

All Boarding parents are welcome—tea and coffee will be provided. This is a good opportunity for Boarder parents to ask questions, raise issues and make suggestions. Your support is very much appreciated.

Please email any agenda items to Director of Boarding,
Mrs Yvonne Thompson: thompsonyv@craighead.school.nz

Please remember, if you have any concerns at all you can contact me on:
03 684 2253.

Mrs Yvonne Thompson—Director of Boarding

ALL VISITORS PLEASE SIGN IN

Everyone who attends a meeting/appointment on the school grounds, regardless of where on the property the meeting is held, must sign in and out at the School office—this is a Health and Safety requirement. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Uniform Notices...

Winter Uniform 2018

All girls are expected to be in winter uniform from Queen's Birthday weekend. Between the start of Term 2 and Queen's Birthday girls may choose if they wear summer or winter uniform—they may not wear a mixture of both. For families new to Craighead, we advise that you visit the Uniform Shop over the next couple of weeks to try on the winter shirt and sort sizes—sometimes alterations need to be made to these shirts so we need some lead time for our seamstress.

Winter Kilts

If your daughter requires a new kilt or needs her existing kilt altered, you can find information about this, and the appropriate form to complete on our website <http://craighead.school.nz/uniform/>. The completed form must be returned to school by **TOMORROW—Friday 23 February**.

Thank you to Anna Phipps

The Uniform Committee, Senior Management Team and students of Craighead would like to thank Ms Anna Phipps for her service on the Committee, which spans several years. Anna's dedication, support and commitment has been greatly appreciated by all of us and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

CRAIGHEAD UNIFORM SHOP—for new uniform only

Open every Friday, 3.30-4.30pm—

except for 23 February (Swimming Sports) and 30 March (Good Friday)

SECOND HAND SHOP Open days coming up...

Friday 2 March 3.30pm-4.30pm, Friday 6 April 3.30pm-4.30pm

Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop

Letzlive

Gap Year Opportunity...

Letzlive offer overseas Gap Year opportunities for 17-25 year olds to the UK, Thailand and Australia. Working holiday opportunities in America, Canada and the UK are also offered.

An information evening will be held at Timaru Girls' High School

Wednesday 28 February—6.30-7.30 pm

Please register your attendance at

<https://www.letzlive.org/about/information-sessions/>

Applications for 2019 close on Thursday 15 March

MUFTI DAY... Friday 2 March

Gold coin in support of Tonga cyclone damage

Dress—Island theme!!