



Fiordland College Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



I read this article the other day and thought it was worth sharing. It is the profile of a well-educated person for the 21st century.

You will be a critical reader who can analyse and assess what you are reading. You will be able to express yourself in writing and speech. You will understand mathematics and numeric thinking. You will be able to collect and use data and images.

You will know a lot about the world – its history, cultures, sciences and nature. You will be keen to learn more. You will understand how democracies work and your role as a citizen.

You will know how to use your brain to make sense of difficult ideas. You will be able to create your own ideas based on knowledge, you will be creative and see things in new ways. You will know how to work well with others and how to find the people who know what you need to know.

And you will be a learner all your life, curious about yourself and the world, able to find and invent your own learning paths, careers and life.

Acknowledgment: "Show What You Know: A Landscape Analysis of Competency-Based Education" by Tom Vander Ark, Mary Ryerse, et al. from Getting Smart and XQ Institute, October 23, 2018; Wikipedia.

E haere rā
Lynlee Smith

Careers Education

Our co-curricular programme offers students many opportunities such as displaying leadership, supporting others, developing resilience, connecting to the environment, experiencing different cultures and building new relationships.

Adding these experiences to a CV could prove invaluable for your son or daughter. This is why careers education is a big part of our programme. Careers education within co-curricular weeks includes work experience in Y10, career options and a visit to SIT in Y11 and CV writing in Y12.

If you would like to help your child with their career choice, a good starting point would be www.careers.govt.nz

Quote of the Week



I don't regret the things I've done,
but those I did not do. - Empire Records

Peace Run

Last week's assembly was converted to a presentation by a group of 10 runners who came from a range of countries including USA, Hungary, Australia, NZ, Croatia and Russia.

They are running with a "Peace" symbol - a flaming torch - through all of the Southern Hemisphere countries. Starting in Cape Reinga they were towards the end of their NZ journey in Bluff.

As well as talking about the ethos of the Peace Run, the group talked about the events in Christchurch and environmental issues. They also taught the students an interactive song and ran a short quiz on where they were from.



Whole School Farewelling the Peace Run team

Enviroschools' Hui

Six students attended the Southland Enviroschools' Hui at Dolamore Park, in Gore last Thursday - Callum McMurtrie, Harry Prendergast, Amber Mirfin, Nina Zink, Jasper Carter and Jack White. Activities included outdoor skills, biodiversity monitoring, pest control, riparian planting, traditional and contemporary crafts and freshwater analysis.



The highlight for some was searching for crayfish/kōura (yabbies) in the creek. Nina presented to the other students, teachers and Enviroschools staff about the Student Strike for Climate.

Top Left: Callum, Harry, Amber, Nina, Jasper & Jack

Showquest Tickets

Showquest is being held in Invercargill on Tuesday 14 May. We have a team of over 40 students participating.

Tickets are now on sale via Ticket Direct.

<https://www.ticketdirect.co.nz/event/details/195471/showquest-invercargill>

Reminder - Diaries to be signed and handed to form teachers on MONDAY!

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NZSS Adventure Race

Fiordland College had two teams compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Adventure Race last Saturday, in the Cromwell area.

Starting at 6am in the dark, they biked to the foot of the Carrick Range and then navigated all the way up to the top of the Nevis Road. Back on the bikes for some downhill riding then some orienteering, abseiling, finishing with kayaking back into Cromwell.

The girls - Georgia Mullally, Abba Swanson, Sarah Spargo and Sam Britton were 5th in the girls' category, taking a little over 10 hours.

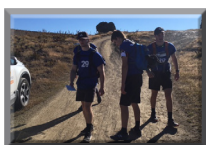
The boys - Wilf Griffiths, Brin Griffiths, Jack Kohler and Haydn Shepherd-Oates finished in 9th in the boys' section also taking a little over 10 hours (they just beat the girls).



Abba, Georgia, Sam & Sarah



Wilf, Jack, Brin & Haydn



Individual Triathlon

Year 7/8 Boys	1st 2nd 3rd	Jack White Max Kempthorne Callum McMurtrie
Year 7/8 Girls	1st 2nd 3rd	Brooklyn Day Brooke Scott Kaylee Flynn
Year 9/10 Boys	1st 2nd 3rd	Will Hamilton Oliver Mann Bailey Taylor
Year 9/10 Girls	1st 2nd 3rd	Lucy Holmes-Crombie Madie Wilson Zara Smith
Year 11-13 Boys	1st 2nd 3rd	Haydn Shepherd-Oates Zac Pearson Josh Pearson
Year 11-13 Girls	1st 2nd 3rd	Georgia Mullally Olivia Norris Sam Britton

Northern Primary Swimming

11 Year Old Girls	Brooklyn Day	1st 25m Freestyle, 1st 25m Backstroke, 1st 25m Breaststroke, 1st 75m Medley
11 Year Old Boys	Jack Riordan	3rd 25m Freestyle, 3rd 75m Medley
	Degan Welsford	1st 25m Backstroke, 2nd 25m Breaststroke
	Ryan Lane	3rd 25m Backstroke
Open Girls	Brooke Scott	1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 75m Medley
Open Boys	Harry Excell	1st 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 75m Medley
Relays	1st 1st	11-12 Year Old Girls 11-12 Year Old Boys

Volleyball

Fiordland College's senior volleyball team participated in the Invercargill Secondary Schools' competition held at Stadium Southland.

After some fierce battles with other schools, our team came third in the competition against mixed teams from throughout Southland; a great achievement. The team now looks forward to Term Four when the competition recommences.



Back: Jess Willans
Lily Griffiths
Jake Tither
Josh Pearson

Front: Sam Britton
Cory Beaumont - Captain
Jack Kohler

Mufti Day

The School Council has organised a mufti day for tomorrow, Friday 05 April, to support St Johns.

Students are encouraged to wear something gold or dress as a "first responder"

A gold coin donation please - this will go directly to St Johns.



Mountain Biking

South Island Schools' Mountain Biking Championships

The SIS Champs were held at the Mt Hutt tracks last weekend.

Lucy Holmes-Crombie backed up her 2018 win with a 2019 second place in the Cross Country event.

There were three disciplines to compete in: Enduro, Down Hill and Cross Country, with a placing for overall.

- **Harry Excell** came 4th overall in the U13 Boys with 5th in Enduro, 7th in DH and 12th in XC
- **Oliver Mann** came 6th overall in the U16 Boys with 15th in Enduro, 24th in DH and 8th in XC
- **Zac Pearson** came 6th overall in the U20 Boys with 13th in Enduro, 9th in DH and 16th in XC
- **Josh Pearson** came 7th overall in the U20 Boys with 21st in Enduro, 17th in DH and 17th in XC

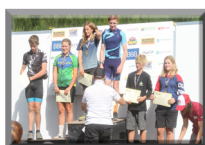
Our best teams result was 4th overall in the Cross Country race points.



And they're off!



Do the brakes work?



Music

Year 7/8 students have been enjoying practical music-making with boomwhackers!



Front to Back: Johnny Wu, Tristan Lilo, Reyce Kelly, Chris Lowry & Micaela Puyat



Isabella Speight, Erin Murdoch & Georgia Watson in deep concentration with their boomwhackers

Southland Golf Champs



Sophie receiving her prize

A keen group of students competed at the Southland Golf Champs on Tuesday.

Sophie Willans was the only placing, gaining a 3rd in the Girls Non Handicapped grade.

Cross Country Champs

A reminder that next Wednesday is the College Cross Country Champs at Ivon Wilson Park.

Attached to the email is a map of the course.

Kiwi Capture



Jasmin and one of the captured kiwi

Yesterday Jasmin Zingg spent a full day on Pomona Island with staff from DOC, Pomona Island Trust and others capturing kiwi.

Six kiwi were captured, measured, checked for any medical issues, then taken to Haast for release back into their original habitat.

These kiwi had been transferred to the safety of the Pomona Island Sanctuary so they could grow large enough to where they could protect themselves.

Congratulations

Ex student Dyani Shepherd-Oates has just been selected for a full New Zealand team to contest the Oceania Champs in Australia in June. Dyani recently won the NZ U20 Hammer Throw title for the second year in a row.



Dyani is now the third ex Fiordland College student to make a senior NZ Athletics team in the past decade - an amazing result for a small rural school.

Upcoming Events

Fri	05 Apr	Electric Car Tour - Period 5 Mufti Day - For St Johns Ambulance
Sun	07 Apr	StHld Primary Schools' Swimming StHld Secondary Schools' Swimming
Mon	08 Apr	Grip Leadership Course - Gore Yr 8 & Yr 13
Tue	09 Apr	Attitude - Yr 11-13 P3, Yr 9-10 P4, Yr 7-8 P5
Wed	10 Apr	School Cross Country

