



Fiordland College Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to Term 2.

Week 2 is almost over and it's already proving to be a very busy term. The Tertiary Open Day on Monday was a great success. Our Year 13s had a really good look at the facilities available to them in Dunedin when they leave school. Tomorrow night is our School Ball. Our senior students are really looking forward to this. I anticipate seeing many parents and friends at the Events Centre for the student arrival, which will take place from 6.00 – 6.30pm. Congratulations, in advance, to the organising committee for all their work.

The time for making nominations for new Board members is once again upon us. Being on the Board gives you an opportunity to make a real difference to student outcomes. We need big picture thinkers, who believe in making a positive difference for all young people. Please consider putting yourself forward for this role. The vision the Fiordland College Board has for the future of the College makes it a very exciting time to join this team (see item later in the Newsletter for further information).

E haere rā
Lynlee Smith

PTA News

The Fiordland College PTA (Parent Teacher Association) encourages closer links between home and school.



We encourage you to join us for our next meeting, Tuesday 11th June 2019, 7pm in the College Board Room.

At our May meeting the PTA was pleased to put money towards:

- Upgrading equipment for the rock climbing wall in the school gym
- Resources for Year 7 Environmental group projects
- Fiordland College Hockey equipment

The PTA will hold a fundraising BBQ at the StHld Sec Sch Cross Country Champs at Ivon Wilson Park on Wednesday 15 May.

Quote of the Week



It is not our abilities that show what we truly are.
It is our choices. – Professor Dumbledore, Harry Potter

School Trustee Elections 2019

Elections for the Fiordland College Board of Trustees will be held shortly.

The key points are:

- Nominations will be sought for the election of 5 parent representatives for the Board of Trustees.
- Nomination forms will be posted out shortly to all eligible voters and additional forms will be available from the School Office.
- Nominations close on Friday 24 May 2019.
- Candidates may include a candidate's statement and a photograph with their nominations.
- Voting papers will be circulated to all on the roll and the poll closes on Friday 7 June 2019.

- ◇ Trustees make important decisions about the school's strategic direction, student achievement outcomes, resources, staffing and much more.
- ◇ Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role.
- ◇ Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can all be trustees – you don't have to be a parent to stand for election.
- ◇ We are looking for people with a variety of skills, experiences and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.
- ◇ Feel free to contact Board Chair Nigel Humphries for more information (Ph 249 7256.)
Or visit www.trustee-election.co.nz.

Nominate yourself or someone you know by completing a nomination form

Becoming a school trustee could be one of the most rewarding things you can do

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

PTO

PADI Course

PADI SCUBA Dive Course

By Rylie Welsford - Year 12

During the first week of the school holidays I went to Dunedin to do my PADI Basic Open Water SCUBA Dive Course. This course consisted of about 12 hours of theory completed online before going to Dunedin. During the time at the dive course I did a total of four days' diving.

We started off in the PADI centre's heated pool and learnt how to do skills e.g. taking your mask off at the bottom of the pool and swimming a few lengths then putting it back on, clearing the mask under water and setting up the gear. We spent two days in the pool learning new skills that can help us improve our dives and make the dives more enjoyable, then we went out to Aramoana and other areas and dived in the sea for two days. We were diving down to 9.5 metres deep in open water. We looked at shipwrecks and at all the marine life around the ship and the aquatic plants.

I gained some Level 3 credits and the basic open water qualification.



School Ball - Fri 10 May

Tomorrow, Friday 10 May, is the School Ball.

The main event times are listed below for your information.

- 6.00-6.30pm** Arrive at the Events Centre
- 6.45pm (approx)** Grand March followed by formal dances
- 7.30pm** Those attending Ball depart for the dinner venue
- 11.00pm** School Ball finishes

Parents, caregivers and friends of the school are invited to come to the Events Centre to watch the Year 11-13s dressed in their finery and participating in the evening's formal dances.

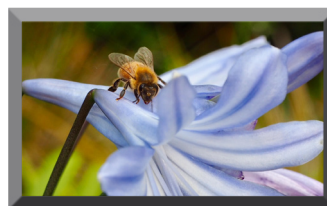
All Welcome!

The dinner venue is for ticket holders only
(ie Year 11-13s and their partners)

Yoobee School of Design

Photographic Techniques

By Alyssa Pang Year 13



In the first weekend of the school holidays, I went to Yoobee School of Design in

Christchurch to attend a Photography Techniques Course in the hope of improving my skills and gaining a more solid base to start my portfolio.

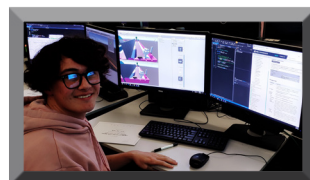
On the first day, we learnt about the exposure triangle: how shutter speed, aperture, and ISO all combine together to create a nice, well-exposed photo and used a website called 'canon play' to experiment with these techniques before putting them into practice with real cameras. We were given a word which we had to create, using things we photographed as letters to discover the different ways in which the world can be viewed. At the end of the day, we reviewed our photos to see what went well and what could be improved about them.

On the second day, we discussed documentary photography, in relation to how to capture raw emotions and the essence of life.

From this course, I was able to extend my basic skills and take my photography to the next level.

Game Art Development

By Riku Darroch - Year 12



During the school holidays I went to Yoobee School of Design to learn about game development. This enabled me to get a feel for the process and personalise assets for my own game.

The teacher was experienced with game development because he has worked on many games before. We used magicaVoxel to make Crossy Road style assets and characters, and put it together using unity. We used some basic c# scripts to get the characters to move when we used the WASD keys.

Prior to attending this course I didn't know how much work went into developing a game, but even games as basic as Crossy Road and other similar mobile games take a lot of work to make.

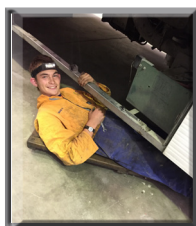


Gateway

This year we have eleven Gateway students at placements in Te Anau. Thank you to the amazing community for allowing this to happen.



Olivia Muir
Real Journeys



Haydn Shepherd-Oates
Real Journeys



Jamie Greig
Tony Brand Building

Flight Engineering Course

Flight Engineering By Jack Kohler Year 13



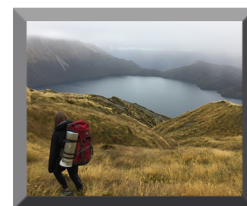
During the holidays I went to a two day course in Christchurch at the Te Ara Campus to participate in a Flight Engineering Course. Overall, I found the experience to be very informative and enjoyable, and a great gateway introduction into the aviation industry.

On the first day we started off with a lecture on some of the basic principles of aerodynamics, and how planes actually manage to fly. Straight after that we were allowed to put these principles into practice by constructing water bottle rockets. The result was some of the constructions travelling only a few meters, while others that were made with care travelled just shy of 100 metres. To finish off the day, we were brought to a computer lab and shown some of the software and programs commonly used when simulating aerofoils and other aerodynamic components.

Day two involved putting these aerofoils, designed on the computer into small prototype models using MDF and plastic sheeting, and then putting them through their paces in a small wind tunnel to see how efficient they were. We also got a run down on materials used in aviation; what attributes are highly sought after when constructing a plane, before heading off to the airport. There, our group was shown around the Air New Zealand Aviation Institute, where we got a first hand view of the training course for students who are working to become aeroplane technicians. The facility also offered a great physical timeline of aeronautical engines, and small passenger planes that could be interacted with.

Leadership

Adventure Southland Leadership Course By Lucy Schuck - Year 12



In the first week of the holidays I went to Borland Lodge for a leadership course run by Adventure Southland and funded by the Te Anau Lions. There were 20 other students participating from all over Southland and Otago.

The first few days were spent on a three day tramp. We walked a long way in the bush and spent two nights camping in tents. On the third day we went climbing and abseiling in the morning and caving in the afternoon at the Clifden caves. On day four we went pack rafting down the river and we jumped in the water from a 5m rock. In the afternoon we went canyoning. On the last day we built a zipline and went across the river and finished with a ceremony where we received certificates.

It was fun and enjoyable and I highly recommend this to other students.



Upcoming Events

Fri	10 May	School Ball - Events Centre/Luxmore
Sun	12 May	Southland Orienteering - Sandy Pt Mother's Day
Tue	14 May	Show Quest - Invercargill
Wed	15 May	Southland Secondary Schools Cross Country - Te Anau
Fri	17 May	Senior Sports Forum - Invercargill
Sun - Tue	19 - 21 May	GATE Science Yr 9 - Dunedin
Wed - Sat	22 - 25 May	Year 12 Geography - Mt Cook

