



Fiordland College Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



Teachers want the best for their students. We are motivated by bringing out the best in our students. We want them to leave school with the skills, confidence, values and knowledge that will allow them to make the most of every opportunity in life. It's a big role, and one that carries with it a duty of care and responsibility. Secondary teachers play an important role in making New Zealand a better place in which all of us may live and grow.

After a decade of under-funding and neglect, secondary schools around the country are experiencing an unprecedented shortage of teachers. Teachers are struggling with over-assessment, red tape and box-ticking, and children are missing out on the one-on-one time they need with their teachers.

Jacinda Ardern's Government has an opportunity to transform the lives of children across the country by making teaching once more a meaningful and respected career for people to pursue. Going on strike is a last resort for us and we wish we didn't have to do it. We would much rather be working with students in our classrooms.

Please support us as we urge Ms Ardern and her Government to do the right thing and come up with the funding so that our students have the educational opportunities that they need and deserve, with great, well-trained and well supported teachers to provide those opportunities.

NB You can sign up for updates and find out ways you can support teachers at: www.bringoutthebest.nz.

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PPTA Strike

As you have probably seen in the news lately, the PPTA has planned strike action next week. This is a national strike for all Secondary and Primary School Teachers.

Yesterday, a letter regarding this was sent home, via email and your child. Please take careful note of the full upcoming planned industrial action.

Wednesday 29 May
Fiordland College will be
Closed for Tuition

Quote of the Week



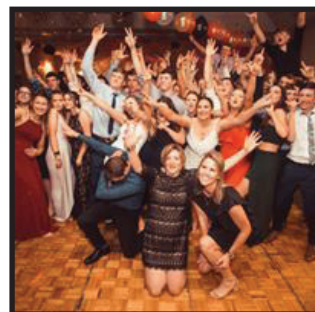
The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience. *Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird*

The School Ball

Well done to our amazing Year 13 team which organised a magnificent event, based at the Events Centre and Distinction Hotel.

The Moulin Rouge theme was prominent at both venues and the decor was outstanding. All the students had a BALL! On Page 3 you will find a collage page with photos from our own Archie Ross - thanks Archie, they are fantastic.

If you would like to check out the professional photos go to the facebook page DJ4you and under photos there are two albums for Fiordland College. These are a few of their photos:



School Trustee Elections

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations Close
12.00 noon on Friday 29 May

Upcoming Events

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| Mon | 27 May | Otago Museum Science Visit |
| Tue | 28 May | Country 7-A-Side Exchange - NSC |
| Wed | 29 May | PPTA National Strike |
| Tue | 04 June | FiNSCoL Staff Professional Development Day |

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

PTO

Cross Country

Once again Fiordland College hosted the Southland Secondary Schools' Cross Country at Ivon Wilson Park.

Nearly 250 athletes from 16 schools competed over a new course, that flowed over the mown areas of the park, as well as the multi-use tracks.

Many thanks to the Fiordland Athletics Club and other volunteers for their help on the day and setting up the course.

In the Southland Champs our students gained the following places:

Southland Secondary Schools' Cross Country

Under 13 Girls' Team - 3rd Place

Nicole Green, Jorja Brown & Brooklyn Day

Under 13 Boys' Team - 2nd Place

Max Kempthorne, Callum McMurtrie & Ryan Lane

We also had two close 4ths in the U16 Boys Team (Taisei Shimizu, Oliver Mann and Bailey Taylor) and the Over 16 Boys' Team (Josh Pearson, Levi Temple and Jack Kohler).

In the Country Schools section where we compete for the Fiordland Shield, we gained the following places:

Fiordland Shield Cross Country

Under 13 Girls' Team - 1st Place

Nicole Green, Jorja Brown & Brooklyn Day

Under 13 Boys' Team - 1st Place

Max Kempthorne, Callum McMurtrie & Ryan Lane

Under 14 Boys' Team - 1st Place

Liam Murdock, Josh Ruddenklau & Hallum Meskauskas

Over 16 Boys' Team - 1st Place

Josh Pearson, Levi Temple & Jack Kohler

Overall, Fiordland College again won the Fiordland Shield.



NZ Defence Force Visit

On Monday we were visited by the Regional Recruiter of the New Zealand Defence Force, Jasmine Bent, and Alex Manson from the Army. Jasmine has a Navy background but she represented the New Zealand Army, Navy and Air Force.

They talked to us about all of the exciting careers in the Defence Force and the pathways to take, for those who are interested in a career. They also talked about the salary and benefits, as well as the physical requirements needed for the Defence Force. It was really great to be able to listen to the recruiters' experiences and hear their insight into what a military career is like.

Brin Griffiths - Year 13

From Left to Right:
Brin Griffiths, Makenzie Wilson,
Lucy Holmes-Crombie, Jasmine
Bent - Regional Recruiter NZ
Defence Force, Lachlan Davie,
Zoe Denley, Fern Calder, Sid
Spence, Alex Manson - Army
Nurse, Jack Light, Zac Pearson



Careers

On May 16, a group of Year 11s travelled to Invercargill for a Health Science Careers Expo at the Community Services Building at the Southland Hospital.

We were given the opportunity to talk to healthcare professionals who shared what they do and what it's like to work in that specific area. Some of the people we spoke to had careers in dentistry, pharmacy, midwifery and nursing. We met dietitians, senior and mental health nurses. There were also medical students who were starting their careers as radiologists and doctors. All of them were very approachable. They gave us an idea of what it's like to work in that environment. We were also able to do hands-on work on airway management, treating an injury, stitching and using a stethoscope.

Thank you to Mrs Matthews for taking us. We appreciate it. A big thank you to the staff at the hospital for taking the time to talk to us about possible careers in the medical field. It was very informative and some of us will definitely be back for the Year 12/13 Incubator Programme.

Legy Puyat - Year 11

Caitlin
Aitken
being
shown
how to
stitch a
pig's foot!



Destiny
Henry
cleaning
a wound



The School Ball

