



# Fiordland College Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk



On Tuesday 04 June our teachers and teacher aides joined other FiNSCoL Schools and Early Learning Centres for our Jumbo Day in Lumsden. It was a great day of sharing ideas with colleagues and definitely worth the time spent. You may well be interested in having a look at the FiNSCoL Website: <https://finscol.weebly.com> in order to get a really good overview of the work that the Kāhui Ako has been doing over the past year. Special thanks go to our ASTs (Across School Teachers), Jennah Hughes (Fiordland College) and Chloe Madden (Lumsden School) for their work putting this site together for the CoL.

There is some movement on the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement negotiations. PPTA President, Jack Boyle, announced today that a Ministerial forum had taken place last week and that the impasse in negotiations had been broken. PPTA considers those talks were very productive and as a result have called off rolling regional strikes planned for next week. Being back in negotiations, with things to negotiate, feels like a very positive move for our teachers. We are hopeful.

E haere rā  
Lynlee Smith

## Strike Action Called Off

### STCA Regional Strikes Starting June 17 Called Off

We have been informed this morning that the rolling regional strikes, planned for the week beginning Monday 17 June, are no longer happening. The day for Otago/Southland was Wednesday 19 June.

**This means all students will be expected at school on Wednesday 19 June at 8.50am**

## NCEA Design & Technology



Senior students have been designing and making flat-pack furniture in Design and Technology.

**Thomas Prendergast** was the first to finish his chair.

*Congratulations Thomas - it looks fabulous!*

## Quote of the Week



We are who we choose to be  
– Green Goblin, Spiderman

## Parent / Teacher Interviews

Details of the Parent/Teacher Interviews for ALL SENIOR STUDENTS ONLY are outlined below:

### Senior Students - Years 11-13

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**Thursday 20 June 2019**  
**7.00 - 9.00pm - College B Block**

Parents and caregivers may make appointments online or, if you do not have internet access, phone the College office on 249 7819.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>  
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School  
code

Online appointments are open - just click on the link above, enter the school code and click "Go". It's as easy as 1 - 2 - 3

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First enter your name, your child/children's name(s), and your email address. On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet. First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers. Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you are done, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

**Bookings will close on Wednesday 19 June at 12noon, so please book your interview times before this.**

## Library News

The School Library is a great place for our students to access a wide range of books, and Mrs Heaney is always looking for ways to make things more user friendly. Here is a new initiative which parents and students may find useful.



Students can now access the library catalogue from home. They just need to follow this link.

<https://effort.fiordlandcollege.school.nz/athenaeum/index.php>

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

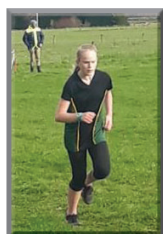
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## Northern Primary Cross Country

A group of keen students went to the Northern Primary Cross Country in Waikaia last week.

While it was wet and miserable in Te Anau, they had blue skies and a great day for the event. The top 6 placings in each age group qualify for the Southland Champs on Friday 21 June.

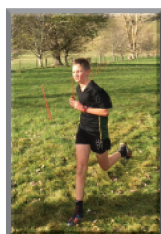
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12 Year Olds	1st	Callum McMurtrie
	4th	Charlie Ruddenklau
12 Year Olds	2nd	Brooklyn Day
	6th	Josh Parkinson
	7th	Chelsea Ledington
13 Year Olds	3rd	Riyanna Stevenson
	5th	Kaylee Flynn



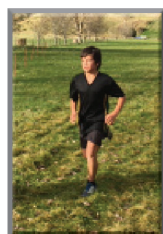
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## Near Space Project

The Near Space Project that Dr Christoph Zink undertook with some of our students is making waves nationally!



The latest issue of the NZ Education Gazette has a great write-up on the project.

The link to read the article is:

<https://gazette.education.govt.nz/articles/science-gets-cool-factor/>

## Southland Badminton

On Wednesday, we had two girls' and two boys' Badminton teams travel to Invercargill to compete in the Southland Secondary Schools' Badminton Champs. Results from the day:

### Senior Girls' A team placed 3rd

Lily Griffiths, Jess Willans, Lucy Holmes-Crombie & Sophie Willans

### Senior Boys' B Team placed 3rd

Asha Stevenson, Cole Hegan, Charlie Cunningham, Hallum Meskauskas, Forrest Wilson & Tom McMurtrie

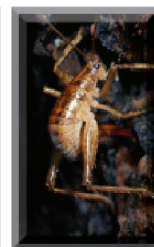


Senior Girls' Team

## Weta Motel

Weta have been around for long enough to see the dinosaurs come and go and are New Zealand icons. Your kids will be freaked and fascinated by these amazing insects. A weta motel is essentially a nice dry hole that weta can crawl into and be safe from predators like rats, mice, stoats, cats, birds and hedgehogs. You can go for a 1-star bamboo version, or a more luxurious 5-star wooden structure depending how fancy you decide to get. We made a 5-star motel out of wood.

By Ryan Lane and Connor MacRae Year 7



## Uniforms

We are now well into winter and some issues are emerging that need some clarification or reminders.

- If a student wishes to wear a jacket then it must be the school uniform Kukri jacket. These can be purchased new from the office or bought second hand.
- Raincoats are approved for wearing to and from school - but this must be a coat that extends below the bottom of the uniform.
- School shoes are black, leather lace ups.
- Students may change from summer to winter uniform (or vice versa) at their discretion, or stay in either.
- Travelling uniform for things like sports exchanges are black trackies, school polar fleece or school jacket

We are currently sourcing a black hoodie with green trim that will have the school logo and name. This will be available to purchase by individuals and will be included in the travelling uniform. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

## Upcoming Events

Sat	15 Jun	NZ Cross Country - Timaru
Mon	17 Jun	Defensive Driving - After School
Wed	19 Jun	Defensive Driving - Period 5
Thu	20 Jun	Parent Teacher Interviews - Years 11-13 only
Fri	21 Jun	Southland Primary Cross Country
Sun	23 Jun	Year 9/10 Netball Tournament - IVC
Mon	24 Jun	Defensive Driving - After School
Wed	26 Jun	Defensive Driving - Period 5

