



Fiordland College Newsletter

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From the Principal

It's really lovely to see your sons and daughters getting totally into the 'vibe' of Spirit Week this week. There have been some amazing costumes and some good friendly House rivalry. Well done to the senior students who have been behind the scenes organising each day, and to the individuals who have gone the extra mile to dress for the occasion. Students and staff have certainly got into the swing of it and all sorts of creative and inspired outfits have been on view each interval as the judging has taken place. I look forward to seeing what will emerge with our caveman/woman theme tomorrow.

I spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Wellington at the Secondary Principals' Council meeting. Topics covered included the NCEA Change Package, Equity Resourcing, Learning Support Coordinator allocations and appointments, the \$5 million Professional Learning and Development Fund won in the latest Secondary Collective Agreement, and the eight "extra" Teacher Only Days granted to schools over the next three years and how they might be implemented across the country.

It is good to be a part of this national committee and know that Fiordland College is being kept abreast of the latest developments in education, in spite of our geographical isolation.

E haere rā
Lynlee Smith



School Photo Orders

The **Class and Individual Photo Order sheets** have been given to all students to bring home today. If you would like to order photos, please complete the forms and **return** to the school office by **Friday 06 September 2019**. Please check the payments details on the order form carefully.

Cultural & Sports Photos are available on Geoff Horrell's website to view and order directly.

Go to:

www.geoffhorrell.co.nz

Look for Fiordland College

Enter Code **fdcsc19**



Quote of the Week



Don't tell me I can't do it; don't tell me it can't be done! - *Howard Hughes in The Aviator*

Senior Subject Selection

This year, the Senior Subject Selection Evening for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents, will be held on the following night:

Senior Subject Selection Evening

**Thursday 19
September 2019
at the College**

*2020 Subject Selection
Time: 6.30 - 8.00pm*

**Current Year 11 - 12 students and their parents
Gym at 6.30pm**

**Current Year 10 students and their parents
Library at 6.30pm**

This will be followed by:

- Year 12 students and their parents to the Music Room at 7.00pm
- Year 11 students and their parents to B8 at 7.00pm
- Year 10 students and their parents to Gym at 7.00pm

If you have any questions regarding the Senior Subject Selection Evening, please contact the school office on 249 7819.

Speech Competition



Nina and Hamish

Congratulations to Nina Menegatti-Zink and Hamish Mann who represented the College at the local Cluster Speech Competition.

Nina placed 1st and now progresses to the Northern Southland finals.

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

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Winter Co-Curricular Week 2019

Otaiko Performance

On Monday, Fiordland College and Te Anau School were treated to a passionate taiko drumming performance by Otaiko.

Taiko is an ancient Japanese form of percussion using large drums. These drums come in a variety of sizes. Historically, taiko was used by Samurai (Japanese warriors) to communicate messages, as well as music in the theatre and imperial court. However, it has evolved over time with the Japanese Buddhist and Shinto religions taking it on as a sacred instrument. In 1951, a jazz drummer formed the first taiko drum ensemble and today it is enjoyed by thousands of people in Japan and around the world.

Otaiko is a group of drummers from Dunedin, based out of the University of Otago. They performed a number of songs for the students, who really enjoyed the experience.

In the afternoon, Otaiko ran 2 workshops for the College students where they learnt to perform the "Popcorn" song. These students did an outstanding job!

A massive thank you must go to AsiaNZ who generously provided us with a grant to bring Otaiko to Te Anau for our students to enjoy.

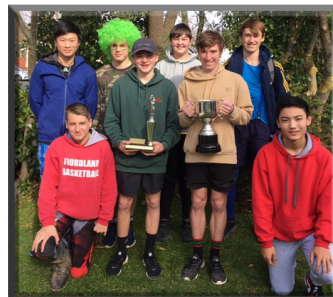


Basketball

The College Basketball team competed in the Eastern Basketball Competition, finishing in 2nd Place.

At the Prizegiving held last Friday, the team was also awarded the Conduct Cup for participation, presentation and team spirit.

Cory Beaumont was awarded Most Promising Player.



Back Row:
Boat Techasathitkun, Tyler Otene,
Jonty Taylor, Jake Tither

Front Row:
Riley Welsford, Cory Beaumont,
Aiden Meskauskas, Jason Liu

Absent:
Jaime Greig

Spirit Week

This week is Spirit Week. Each day has a different theme and House Points are awarded for the winners each day.

Below are a few photos from Hawaiian Day and World Cup Day.



World Cup Day - Winners



Upcoming Events

Wed	04 Sep	Marine Mammals of Fiordland Lunchtime talk at DOC: 12noon - 12.30pm
Fri	06 Sep	NZ Mountain Film Festival - 7.00pm
Sun	08 Sep	NZ Mountain Film Festival - 2.00pm
Fri	13 Sep	Block 3 Ends
Fri-Mon	13 -16 Sep	Yr 12/13 Geography - Mt Cook Trip
Tue	17 Sep	Community Trust Public Meeting Distinction Hotel Te Anau 6.30pm
Thu	19 Sep	Senior Subject Selection Evening

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70B Town Centre, Te Anau

NCEAOnline



What's happening now

- Thousands of students are sitting one or more NCEA exams using a PC or laptop, instead of with pen and paper. 14 subjects are offered digitally, across levels 1, 2 and 3, with the range expanding in future years.
- We all use devices to connect to the internet every day. Students love working online. It is how they do much of their learning and helps them prepare for their study or work steps after school.
- Working digitally helps students submit their best work as they can easily plan, spell check and edit their answers.

What we're looking at for the future

- We will use technology to bring to life images on paper and let students hear questions read aloud, as well as reading the text.
- We will use digital learning and assessment to engage students in different ways that better meet their individual needs.
- We will continue to support schools to start providing digital exams when they're ready.
- The move to digital exams helps us continue to develop NCEA as a modern, innovative and world-class qualification supporting students to build the skills they need with the devices they use every day.

Doing exams on a computer



Where we've been and where we're going

2014-2018

Past

Testing with trials and pilots

2019-2020

Present

Most text-based subjects will be offered digitally as direct copies of paper exams

2021 onwards

Future

Digital exams will be different from paper versions, assessing the same things in new ways

Here in Te Anau

Friday 6th &
Sunday 8th
September

NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival NATIONAL TOUR

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PRESENTING PARTNERS
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SCREENING HERE: Friday 6th September 7pm (Doors 6.30pm)
Sunday 8th September 2pm (Doors 1.30pm)
Fiordland College Gym
Tickets \$15 per session (Under 12 \$7) Family of 4 \$35
Tickets from Fiordland College, DOC Te Anau and
Fiordland Frontier Supplies
Friday = 5 International Films, Sunday = 6 NZ Films

Screening in Te Anau: A Fiordland College Fundraiser

Fiordland Community Swimming Pool Inc.



- CASUAL POOL ATTENDANTS -

* Casual basis as required * 1-2 Days a week

* September 2019 to April 2020

* First Aid Certificate required - Ability to swim

For more information, email bernie.mcatear@xtra.co.nz

The Community Swimming Pool is community funded and was first built in 1977, with different groups and individuals using the facility which includes Fiordland Amateur Swimming Club, professional coaching classes, availability for pool hire to community groups. Entry to the pool includes special rates for University/Polytechnic students - Senior 65+ - Community Card holders - Families - Children - Keys and Concessions are also available.