



# Fiordland College Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk



It was my pleasure to present the Blake Young Leader Award for 2019 at assembly this week. The Young Leader Award is presented every year by Westpac and BLAKE to Year 8 students all around the country, who show great leadership in making a positive change towards a better future for our communities and for our planet. The BLAKE Young Leader Award 2019 went to Callum McMurtrie for his example of diligent work, caring and appropriate relationships with students and staff and for his exemplary daily practice. Well done, Callum.

I was also thrilled to be able to present the first of our Student Volunteer Award pins. The names of our awardees are listed later in this Newsletter. Congratulations to each of you, whether Member, Bronze or Silver awards. Your community mindedness and willingness to help make us proud.

The Term 3 break is upon us. Senior students, in particular, do need to enjoy some downtime, but also ensure that they are doing the revision and preparation that they need to be doing to be able to face the Derived Grade exams that are scheduled for Week 1 next term. I cannot stress enough, how important these are.

E haere rā  
Lynlee Smith

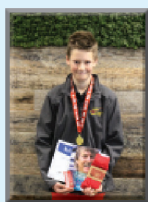
## Science Fair



**Nina Menegatti Zink** submitted a project entitled "Secrets of the S.I. Robin" to the recent Southland Science Fair. Her project involved her observing the robins in their natural environment within the Kepler Forest. She discovered how the robins can be individually identified by their markings and also other interesting behaviours, such as anting. For her effort, Nina received an Award of Commendation. Congratulations!

## BLAKE Leadership

Congratulations to **Callum McMurtrie** who is pictured receiving his Sir Peter Blake Year 8 Leadership Award, at assembly on Tuesday.



Thoroughly deserved Callum.

## Quote of the Week



Think left and think right, and think low and think high;  
Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try.  
Dr. Seuss, Oh the Thinks you can Think.

## Tree Planting

On Thursday 19 September, 11 students from Fiordland College helped to plant the first trees for the Meridian Energy Forever Forest Project. The students worked with the team from Meridian and Sustainable Coastlines to plant 500 wetland plants, that are the start of a project that will see over a million trees planted. Meridian Energy is doing this to become Carbon Neutral - the trees capture the carbon dioxide that their operations create. The students were educated about climate change gases, carbon capture, pollution of rivers, lakes and oceans, and the importance of wetlands to water quality.



Harry Excell, Josh Parkinson and Grandma Joy  
Photo credit to Stellar Studios



The enthusiastic team of tree planters



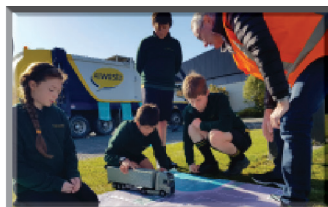
Sam Judd from Sustainable Oceans teaching the group how to plant the trees. Photo credit to Stellar Studios



Beth McBride, Isabella Speight & Sophie Wright

## Share the Road / Blindzone

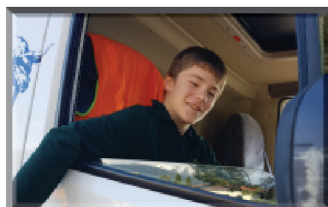
All Year 7-9 students participated in a workshop provided by the "Share the Road" campaign in association with NZTA, Cycling Action Network and Cycling New Zealand. The students experienced how drivers see the road from sitting in the driver's seat of a truck. They also worked out practically where it is safest to cycle around large vehicles and how to stay as safe as possible when cycling on roads.



Nina Menegatti Zink, Josh Parkinson, Zak Humphries, James Chaloner with Stuart the volunteer



Brooklyn Day, Sophie Hosie, Sophie Wright, Chelsea Ledington, Kaira Beyers with Chris Foggins - Cycling NZ



James Chaloner



Sophie Wright & Brooklyn Day

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

**PTO**

## World Cup Rugby

This week our students drew countries, in their form classes, based on World Cup entrants. On Wednesday they then played Touch, and the winners were:

Seniors	11Pe - Ireland!
Year 9/10	Still to finish game on Friday
Year 7/8	78Js - France



## Cross Country Skiing

Makenzie Wilson was our sole competitor at the NZ Secondary Schools' Cross Country Skiing Champs at Cardrona.



Makenzie competed in the short "Skate" race and the longer "Classic" event, finishing midfield in both.

## Election Result for Student Trustee

Below are the election results for the Student Trustee to serve on the Fiordland College Board of Trustees for the year commencing 27 September 2019:

Candidates	Votes Cast
Elizabeth (Lizzie) HUGHES	17
Lucy SCHUCK	55
Isabella (Bella) WILSON	36
TOTAL VOTES CAST	108

I therefore declare LUCY SCHUCK duly elected as the Student Trustee on the Fiordland College Board of Trustees for the year commencing 27 September 2019.

Sue Walker, Returning Officer - 26 September 2019

## Geography

### Years 12 and 13 Senior Geography Trip

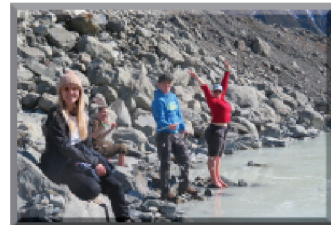
This year's senior geographers headed up to Aoraki Mount Cook to study the glacial landscape and its interacting processes. Staying in the village enabled us to do all of the local walks: up to the Red tarns and Mt Sebastopol's scree slopes; through Governor's Bush; out to Kea Point above the Mueller Glacier; along the Hooker Valley and its grand surrounds, all whilst keeping in mind our academic objectives.

Sunday morning arrived with perfect weather and we flew up in a ski-plane to land on the Tasman Glacier. At the top, we had about 15 minutes to play in the snow and admire the beautiful surrounds. After flying down past Mount Cook to the airport we then drove up the Tasman Valley and walked to the Tasman Lake. Here Riley and Forrest proceeded to wade in the glacial waters to grab a small iceberg so we could have a snack on ice that fell before NZ was discovered by Abel Tasman. A study of the icebergs was followed by a walk through the moraines back to the car park. Travelling back to Te Anau we stopped at Twizel to study the enormous changes that have occurred over the last fifty years, including the hydro-power scheme, salmon farming, and shift to dairy farming.

A very educational trip was had by all involved, along with many laughs. Thank you to all of the students involved.



Riley Lundman, Lily Campbell, Dr Sue Peoples, Forrest Wilson, Zac Pearson



Lily, Forrest, Zac, Riley



Riley & Forrest



Riley & Lily

## Upcoming Events

Fri	27 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
Mon	14 Oct	First Day of Term 4
Mon - Fri	14-18 Sep	Derived Grade Exams - Senior students (Year 11-13)





## Volunteer Student Army

On Tuesday, we were able to present our first Service Pins to those students who have dedicated time volunteering in our community.

It is a wonderful achievement by these students and we commend them for their generosity and service. Well done!

### MEMBER SERVICE PIN: 5+ hours volunteering:

- Georgia Mullally
- Isabella Wilson
- Bailey Taylor
- Charlie Cunningham
- Fern Calder
- Hongkai Ouyang
- Cherry Ko
- Erin Bath
- Josh Ruddenklau
- Caleb Molloy
- Jacob Johnstone
- Riley Byrne

### BRONZE SERVICE PIN: 32+ hours volunteering

- Janelle Horrell
- Jessica Molloy
- Lucy Holmes-Crombie
- Max Harrington
- Tessa Gamble
- Madison Wilson

### SILVER SERVICE PIN: 250+ hours volunteering

- Rileigh Lundman
- Angela Murdoch

## Te Anau Library

The October School Holidays begin shortly and there is another programme of craft and stories at your local Southland District Library.

Following on from the Great Kereru Count <https://www.greatkererucount.nz> in the weeks leading up to the holidays, there will be a Kereru Kraft session at the Te Anau Library, 10am-12 noon. Check with your library for the day the programme will run.

Learn about this majestic native pigeon. Enjoy creating your own Kereru Keepsake, and leave one for our library visitors to enjoy in a group installation.

Free to school aged children. Younger ones will need an adult caregiver to stay with them.

## Aerobics



We had two students competing in the Aerobics National Championships in Queenstown.

Well done to **Claire Hames** who achieved 3rd Place in the Senior Secondary Open Novice Category and **Zoe Denley** who was 4th in the Secondary Pre-choreographed section.

## Community Swimming Pool

### Fiordland Community Swimming Pool Inc.



**OPEN DAY**

**FREE SWIM 1.00pm-4.00pm**  
**Sunday 29 September 2019**

18 Howden Street - Te Anau

#### Public Sessions:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
Saturday & Sunday 2.00pm - 5.00pm

#### Casual Swim:

Adults \$6.00 - Children/Students \$3.00  
(Adult accompanying a pre-school, swims for free, pay only for child)

#### - Keys and Concession Cards -

\* **Adult \$90 (without key) - \$120 (inclusive of key)**

\* **Child & Year 7-12 student \$60**

\* **Year 13 - University or Polytech student - Senior 65years + \$90 (inclusive of key)**

\* **Family \$180 (without key) - \$240 (inclusive of key)**

**New Key Holders - \$20.00 Bond - Refundable on return**

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