



Fiordland College Newsletter

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Final Newsletter for 2019

From the Principal's Desk



At the first assembly of the year I spoke of the door as a metaphor for the year we were facing and I challenged our students to be prepared to take the risk and push open the doors they confronted in 2019. I know that many of them took up that challenge. I want to congratulate students who pushed past their comfort zones and tried new things – whether it was academic, sporting, cultural, environmental, in leadership or in service – during the course of this year.

I also want to say that I am proud, honoured and fortunate to be working at Fiordland College with some of the best educators that I have had the privilege to work alongside in my 30 years in education.

Our Board of Trustees has boldly opened doors to explore the many initiatives they have been challenged with in 2019 as well. There have been some big and controversial issues on the horizon for education in 2019. The speed of review has been frightening. The Board has had to grapple with some very complex matters over the course of the year.

To the wider community I also want to say thank you. The number of doors that you open for our students at Fiordland College is amazing. This community goes well beyond the expected to ensure that our students get a world class inclusive education. You open closed doors for them all the time. We are very lucky, on so many levels, to be living in this community.

I wish you all a safe and prosperous holiday break and look forward to working with you all again in 2020.

E haere rā
Lynlee Smith

Careers

Please find a link below from MoneyHub that gives students access to a directory of Student Jobs that links to 50+ New Zealand employers hiring students part-time and full-time during the summer holidays. They believe it to be the most comprehensive available in New Zealand and is specific for Year 11-13 students.

<https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html>



Thank You

As part of our last newsletter for the year we wanted to recognise our staff who cover so many extra activities for your children. All of the "extras" that staff voluntarily give their time for are over and above what they are employed to do, either through school or in the community.



THANK YOU — These extras are what helps make our school and community so special.

Special thanks must also go out to the parents, caregivers and members of the community who have given their time, knowledge or expertise in any way to help our students.

We really appreciate everything you do



And last, but not least, thanks to all our amazing students! You are the best and we love being able to help you navigate your way through your school years.

Get2Go

Our Get2Go team is currently on Great Barrier Island competing against the other top teams from across NZ.

They have been loving all the challenges including kayaking, problem solving, rock climbing, rafting etc.

You can follow their progress on the Hillary Outdoors facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/hillaryoutdoors/videos/445338719603949/>

