



Fiordland College Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020. I would like to express an especially warm welcome to all of you who are new to the College. I trust that you are settling well and will enjoy your time with us. If you have any questions or problems, do not hesitate to be in touch.

We have had a great start to the year. Year 7 students have had their first taste of Peer Support. We had a very successful Athletics sports on Tuesday. A special thank you to all our outside helpers. The Academic Honours Assembly was particularly satisfying this year, with the largest number of students honoured since the introduction of the awards (39 Academic Honours awards and 47 NCEA Certificate Endorsements). Our Badge Assembly was a really lovely opportunity to recognise our many student leaders for 2020, and next week our students are away on their Co-curricular week activities (weather dependent - see below).

I would also like to pass on the sincere gratitude expressed to me by some of our local businesses last week for the efforts of our students who have been working in the community over the Christmas break. It is really heartening to know that we are all working together, student and adult alike, to grow this region in the best way we possibly can.

E haere rā
Lynlee Smith

Weather Warning

As you may be aware there is another storm making its way down the Tasman Sea that is predicted to have a considerable effect on Fiordland and Southland from Sunday through until Tuesday. Given that we are still suffering the effects of the events last week and the declared "State of Emergency", we are monitoring this new storm closely.

Last week's events have already caused changes to nearly every Co-Curricular Week activity. We know families will want certainty around next week, so we will make a final call tomorrow (Friday 14) as to next week's activities.

This could mean Co-Curricular Week will be either:

- *Reduced in days*
 - *Cancelled*
- or, as a last resort

The decision will be emailed and on the Fiordland College Facebook page by early afternoon tomorrow.

Thank you for your understanding in dealing with what nature sometimes throws at us. Below is the link to the weather situation.

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2020/02/cyclone-uesi-on-track-to-directly-hit-south-island-flooding-thunderstorms-possible.html>

Academic Honours 2019

Congratulations to all students who achieved an award for their results in 2019.

Academic Honours 2019

Level 1

Jessica Barnes, Emma Britton, Esther Cole, Paige Lane, Keela Matthews, Rosemary McBride, Jessica Molloy, Jeb Nicholson, Olivia Norris, Tyler Otene, Legy Anne Puyat, Lindsay Roberts, Taisei Shimizu, Lydia Soper, Teah Stephenson, Jake Tither, Timothy Willans.

Level 2

Keren Andrews, Riku Darroch, Lily Griffiths, Janelle Horrell, Elizabeth Hughes, Joshua Pearson, Isaac Pearson, Lucy Schuck, Milli Taylor, Millie Walker, Jessica Willans, Isabella Wilson.

Level 3

Farida Dechawaleekul, Wilfred Griffiths, Jack Kohler, Jacob Lewis, Georgia Mullally, Irsyaad Rijwan, Sarah Spargo, Abigail Swanson, Levi Temple, Makenzie Wilson.

Athletics

A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made the College Athletics day so successful on Tuesday.

Students had been warming up with the 1500m, 3000m, Hurdles and Triple Jump last week. This week they got stuck in with great participation levels, outstanding competition and a positive tone.

Star of the day was Lily Griffiths who broke the Senior Girls' Javelin record. That record was held by the current New Zealand Hammer Throw representative and ex student, Dyani Shepherd-Oates.

A special thank you to the nine Fiordland Athletics Club members who volunteered their time for the whole day to lead their teams.

Full details of results will be in the next newsletter.



Quote of the Week



The only true disability is the inability to accept and respect differences. - Unknown

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

PTO

Road Safety

Please see the attached advertisement from the NZ Police re Road Safety around schools.

This promotion is timely as we have noticed an increase in bad habits from some members of the community, which places our students at a high risk level.

If parents, caregivers or someone you know is doing a school pick up or drop off please make them aware of the requests below, in order to keep our students as safe as possible during these very busy times.

Please Do Not:

- Stop or park on broken yellow lines
- Attempt U-turns in front of the school
- Pick up from the parking areas on the school side of Howden Street until **after** the buses have left

Instead, maybe you could organise a pick up spot further away from the school to avoid the congestion.


Thank you.

Dear Parents
It's simple, School is back soon- **more little feet on the street.**
We are all responsible for the safety of our students.
Here's how you can help...

- **Slow Down** - think **40km** in our school zone and **20km** pass a stationary school bus. Did you know that a person hit by a vehicle at 50km has a 70% chance of being killed?
- Please **don't park near a pedestrian crossing** - our staff and pupils need clear lines of sight to see the traffic so they can judge when to put the signs out.
- Remember **all drivers must stop if one or both School Patrol signs are out.**
- Try to **park several blocks away** and walk your children - great exercise for everyone!
- Please **don't add to the chaos** at the school gate by double parking or parking in no parking zones.

Thank you for helping create a safe zone near our school.

Warm regards
Your Principal.



Māori Scholarships

The Māori Education Trust 2020 Scholarship Programme is open and offers scholarships to Māori secondary school and tertiary students who meet the respective scholarship criteria. The 2020 Secondary Scholarship Programme is made up of the following scholarships:

Year 9

- Tī Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship
- Rose Hellaby Scholarship
- Māori Education Trust Year 9 Scholarship

Year 10 – 11

- Māori Education Trust Year 10 and 11 Scholarship

Year 9 – 13

- Sister Anne Henry Scholarship
- Edward Carlton Holmes Memorial Scholarship
- Māori Education Trust Boarding Scholarship

Year 12 – 13

- RJ Graham Scholarship
- Māori Education Trust Year 12 and 13 Scholarship

Year 13

- VW & LM Rosier Scholarship
- Regina Rudland Memorial Scholarship

Applicants can download an application form from our site www.maorieducation.org.nz, or contact us and we will forward copies by email or post. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 04 586 7971, text: 027 262 8046, or email: info@maorieducation.org.nz.

Paid Union Meeting (PUM)

Tomorrow, Friday 14 February, the PPTA has called a PUM for members that will be held during Period 5.

Students will be released at the end of Period 4 - 1.30pm.

There will be classrooms available for students who travel on buses, if they wish to stay at school until 3.10pm.

Upcoming Events

Mon-Fri	17-21 Feb	Summer Co-Curricular Week
Sat-Sun	22-23 Feb	Central Otago Rail Trail
Mon-Wed	24-26 Feb	Life Education Bus Years 7/8
Mon	02 Mar	Ugly Shakespeare
Wed	04 Mar	BoT Meeting 7.30pm
Fri	06 Mar	Careers Expo at the College

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