



# Fiordland College Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk



I want to publically acknowledge our staff this week. Their hard work and devotion to this school and to the 'extra' opportunities that we offer students here is something that needs to be recognised.

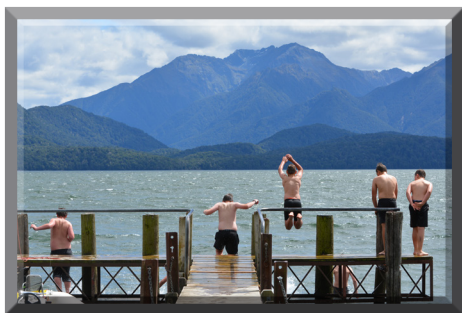
The hours of extra work staff had to put in to reorganise co-curricular week activities after the flooding and then to reorganise again, when we had to postpone our Plan Bs and go to Plan Cs, because a State of Emergency was in place, was well above what might reasonably have been expected of them.

Your sons/daughters had a great three days of high calibre education outside of the classroom activities at all levels. (You can see that in the collage page that follows). Our teachers made a huge effort and I want to use this opportunity to let you all know that it is my pleasure to be working with them.

Our teachers are to be commended. When I speak with other principals around the country, they are amazed at the activities that our students are involved in. They say that the teachers in Te Anau must be something special. I say, they are right. Our whole community is special. Teachers, support staff, students, whānau and members of the wider community.

Thank you, staff.

E haere rā  
Lynlee Smith



## Swimming Champs

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and friends of the school who supported the College Swimming Champs on Wednesday, whether you were, timekeeping, officiating or cheering from the sideline.

Results will be in the next newsletter on 12 March.



## Quote of the Week



Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.  
- William James

## Year 7 Vision Screening

**YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING**  
(and Year 8 absentees)



The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health (Southern District Health) will be visiting our school, on Tuesday 10 March, to screen all Year 7 students for distance vision and Year 8 students who were absent the previous year.

- **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**  
This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.  
(This is **Not** required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

**If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which is available at the school office.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations and well done to the following individuals or groups who performed outstandingly at various events at Provincial or National level over the summer.

- **Callum McMurtrie** represented Southland at an Inter-Provincial Tennis Competition, which Southland won.



- **Jack White** finished in 2nd Place in the U17 Skiff Nationals held in Napier.



- Our **Get2Go team** placed 10th at the National finals on Great Barrier Island, last December, and was the 3rd South Island Team.



### Get2Go 2019

Hallum Meskauskas  
Oliver Mann  
Emma Wilson  
Will Hamilton  
Zara Smith  
Lucy Holmes-Crombie  
Zoe Denley  
Sid Spence

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

**PTO**

## Athletics

The competition for House Points has begun! Our first big event of year was the Athletics Champs. Congratulations to everyone who participated. It was a fantastic day.

House Points were:

**Mansfield 799**

**Rutherford 780**

**Hillary 726**

**Batten 623**

### Records Broken



**Lily Griffiths** threw 27.23m in the Javelin to break Dyani Shepherd-Oates' record from 2017 of 23.04m.

### School Athletics Championships 2020

Under 12 Girls	1st	Alice Meskauskas
	2nd	Talia Brown
	3rd	Greer Knowles
Under 12 Boys	1st	Charlie Byrne
	2nd	Bohdi Trevor-Smith
	3rd	Josh Smith
Under 13 Girls	1st	Ellen Leslie
	2nd	Isabella Speight
	3rd	Brooke Scott
Under 13 Boys	1st	James Chaloner
	2nd	Charlie Ruddenklau
	3rd	Riley Elder
Under 14 Girls	1st	Nicole Green
	2nd	Kaylee Flynn
	3rd	Tessa Gamble
Under 14 Boys	1st	Sam Robson
	2nd	Max Kempthorne
	3rd	Riley Byrne
Under 16 Girls	1st	Esther Cole
	2nd	Lucy Holmes-Crombie
	3rd = 3rd =	Sophie Willans & Maggie Knowles
Under 16 Boys	1st	Hallum Meskauskas
	2nd = 2nd =	Will Hamilton & Bronson Horrell
Over 16 Girls	1st	Lily Griffiths
	2nd	Chelsea Rogers
	3rd	Jess Willans
Over 16 Boys	1st	Josh Pearson
	2nd	Aiden Meskauskas
	3rd	Jake Tither

## PTA News

The Fiordland College PTA (Parent Teacher Association) encourages closer links between home and school.

We are looking for new members so please join us for our next meeting, Tuesday 10 March 2020, 7pm in the College Boardroom, you will be most welcome.

The following items were among the discussions held at our February meeting.

- Proceeds from any secondhand school uniforms donated to the school go to the PTA. Any uniform donations will be gratefully received. We also encourage you to purchase items. Enquiries to Sue Carruthers in the office
- The PTA held a fundraising BBQ at the school swimming sports day - Wednesday 26 February
- Thank you to everyone who attended our Movie night fundraiser held in November.



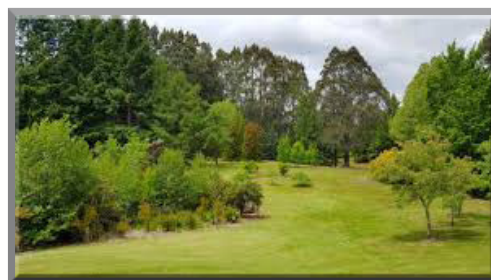
## Ivon Wilson Park

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have been tidying up the multi-use trails and storm damage over the past four weeks at Ivon Wilson Park.

Members of the Fiordland Athletics Club, the Senior Citizens group, Fiordland Kindergarten and Fiordland College (plus other volunteers) have worked hard to get the trails ready for some significant events later this year.

These include the Southland Cross Country Champs, Fiordland College Mountain Bike & Cross Country Champs and other relays.

The Kindergarten children and College students have continued with planting of native trees, with another 30 being planted over the last week or so.



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Athletics Champs 2020



## Community Notices

**Te Anau Junior Rugby Registrations** are now available to be done online. Please follow the below link. If you could register early this will help us to sort what teams we will have for 2020. New players very welcome. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/teanaurugby/Registrations-Forms/2020-Junior-Player-Registration>

Te Anau Rugby Club Open Day will be held on 14 March 2020 at the Te Anau Rugby Club. Please contact Leeann 021466623 if you have any questions.

### Winton Primary & District High School 150th Jubilee

For any ex students and staff of Winton Primary & District High School, who may now live in the area, our 150th Jubilee celebrations are to be held Labour weekend 2020. Events, at present, will include Friday evening registration with social mix and mingle including drinks and nibbles, Saturday - decade photos, tour of the school, dinner and dance, Sunday morning - informal assembly/service. Pre-registrations can now be made via the link on the school website or [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LUW7LfXeD8KIKr9v-kRv\\_z\\_C2XKQR7k2yE89KHg4U3g/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LUW7LfXeD8KIKr9v-kRv_z_C2XKQR7k2yE89KHg4U3g/edit)

### From DOC

This year, we are celebrating Children's Day one day early, on Saturday the 29th of February, on the Kepler Track from 11 AM – 3 PM. Join 12 year old author and entomologist Olly Hills for a cicada and bug hunt on the Kepler Track and take part in outdoor Children's Day festivities! There will also be interesting and educational activity stations to encourage nature play and discovery, plus a BBQ at Dock Bay!

Also, Join us at the Te Anau Library on Friday the 28th of February from 7:30pm to approximately 8:30 PM to learn about the fascinating world of cicadas, the special kinds that are found in Fiordland, and why it's so much fun to be a child entomologist! 12 year old entomologist, author, and cicada hunter extraordinaire Olly Hills gives a talk about his passion for cicadas and the adventures he goes on to search for them. Come along to be inspired!

Find out more here: <https://nzcicada.co.nz/author.html>

### Netball Trials

You are invited to register with Netball Fiordland Club Inc. for the upcoming season. You can do this now please - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/netballfiordland/Netball-Registrations/tab1> to re-register with Netball Fiordland Club Inc. Also schools will be asking for names; school age players please put your names on these lists as well, with preferred positions for Year 7 up.

If you would like to see our selection policy go to the following link and click on the box: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/netballfiordland/Selection-Policy-Team-Lists-2020/Selection-Policy-Team-Lists-2020#> Trials for players are at the Fiordland Community Events Centre:

### Monday 09 March, 2019

Yrs 5 and 6 players - 3.30pm-4pm

Yrs 7 and 8 players - 4pm - 5pm

Years 9-13 players - 5pm-6pm

### Thursday 12 March, 2019

Senior women and players looking at College A - 6.15pm

If you have any questions about this email, please contact Netball Fiordland Club Inc. President Jackie McLeod Phone 027-2893127

## Summer Co-Curricular Week

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and friends of the school who supported the three days of activities last week.

Even though staff had to manage some significant changes, that the weather and the State of Emergency forced upon them, the activities and learning opportunities were great.

See attached collage of all the fun!



## School Closing Early

On Monday 9 March 2019, all the College staff will be undertaking Professional Development, based around Safer Schools.

Accordingly, students need to be released slightly earlier than normal at 3.00pm.

We hope this does not cause any inconvenience.

**School finishes early at  
3.00pm on Monday 9 March**

## Upcoming Events

Sat	29 Feb	Children's Day Kepler Track 10am-3pm
Mon	02 Mar	Ugly Shakespeare
Wed	04 Mar	Mountain Bike Champs Board of Trustees meeting - 7.30pm
Fri	06 Mar	Careers Expo at school 9am - 12noon
Sat	07 Mar	Te Anau Enduro







Summer Co-Curricular Week 2020