



Fiordland College Newsletter



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From the Principal's Desk

School life is getting back to some kind of normality and our senior students are now facing a number of decisions around their involvement in the co-curricular activities reappearing on our school calendar. It needs to be said though, that they cannot do everything and will have to make some choices. Keeping up with classroom learning is their number one priority.



NZQA has made concessions around the number of credits required to attain NCEA and external assessment timings. These concessions have been made acknowledging potential learning gaps due to time out of classes during lockdown. There is an expectation that goes with this though, that students will now be in classes and not away on other activities. In keeping with this, their participation will be limited to 2 concurrent, co-curricular activities as we progress through the year. Winter Tournament Week has been adapted by the Sporting Code Managers and Regional Sports Managers to try to help reduce the impact.

Upcoming Events:

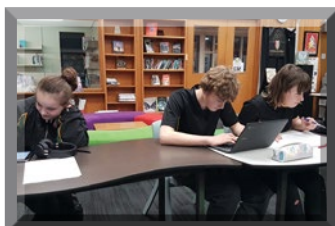
- Netball Tournament – Invercargill
- Basketball Tournament – Invercargill
- Football – Girls Tournament – Dunedin
- Football – Boys Tournament – Invercargill
- Ki O Rahi Tournament – Invercargill
- Badminton Tournament – Invercargill
- School Production and Performance 17 September

E haere rā
Lynlee Smith

Homework Centre

Also returning to the College over the past couple of weeks is the Wednesday after-school Homework Centre.

Yesterday nearly 20 students stayed on for the quiet, studious atmosphere in the College Library. Again, the Wapiti Bakery needs to be thanked for supplying food for the students, who have developed a real hunger by 4.30pm.



Harmony Prentice, Jack Muir & Erin Bath

Quote of the Week



The human capacity for burden is like bamboo – far more flexible than you'd ever believe at first glance.
- Jodi Picoult

Technology

Year 8s have been studying the use of cams and designing a toy based around the converting of a rotary motion to a vertical motion. The movement can be used for a useful outcome.

Chris Lowrey with his completed cam toy!



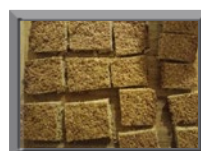
During Level 2 we were unable to complete practicals in Food Technology classes. To practise the baking techniques - rubbing-in, melting and creaming – the students' homework has been baking.



Brooke Scott
9Mn - Fudge



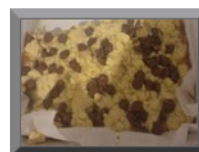
Ellen Leslie
9Mn - Ginger nuts



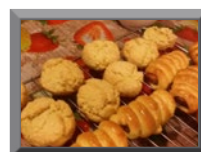
Ivan Temple
9Mn - Flapjacks



Jake McMurray
9Gt - Cupcakes



Lily Raynor
9Gt - Tan Slice



Micaela Puyat
9Gt - Scones/Sausage Rolls

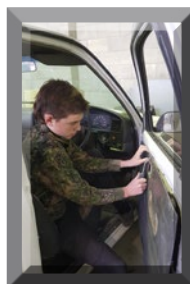
Welcome

We have mentioned our new Technology/Workshop staff member, Mr Daniel Hermann, during the lockdown period but now we have a chance to give him, and his family, a big WELCOME to the College and Te Anau.



It is great to have Mr Hermann here on site, producing some amazing things in the workshop and with his Graphics classes.

Work Experience



Liam Murdoch has work experience at Te Anau Panelbeaters

Thomas Prendergast is completing a building work experience placement with Paul Young Building.



Rec Skills

The Rec Skills class went Rock Climbing at Castledowns Rock - abseiling, belaying and climbing, for their Level 2 assessment. Jake Tither demonstrated the advanced skill of lead-climbing he learnt at a course in 2017.

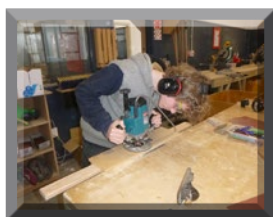


Murihiku Trades Academy

Murihiku Trades Academy, in partnership with the Southern Institute of Technology, provides practical trades and career options to Fiordland College students.

Students can try practical and hands-on training programmes that contribute towards their NCEA Level 2 and Level 3. The programmes help students get ready for higher level study, apprenticeships or a job.

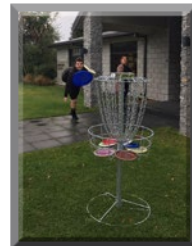
Thomas Prendergast travels to Invercargill every Friday for his building and joinery course.



PTA

This week the College purchased 15 Frisbees and a Frisbee Golf Basket. These will be used both at school during PE lessons and at the Frisbee Golf Course in Ivon Wilson Park during REC period.

Thank you to the PTA for their generous funding, which allowed us to purchase the Frisbees.



Charlie Cunningham and Mrs Straker-Cunningham trying the new Frisbee Golf Basket

Normal Routines

After all those weeks of lockdown and Level 3 restrictions, it is great to be able to get some 'normality' back and get rid of some of the rules we needed for Health & Safety. One of the aspects of school we have enjoyed having back is the Wednesday Recreation Period. Students got out of the classroom for an inter-house competition playing various games.



Year 9 & 11 students playing Dodgeball



Year 7/8 & 13 students playing Capture the Flag



Year 10 & 12 students playing Football



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Year 7/8 & 13 students playing Capture the Flag

Upcoming Events

Wed	24 Jun	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
Fri	03 Jul	Last Day of Term 2
Sat-Sun	4-19 Jul	School Holiday Break
Mon	20 Jul	First Day of Term 3

