



10 February 2017



NEWSLETTER 1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 14 February** - College Athletics Sports
- 22 February** - Mufti day, gold coin donation if in mufti
- 27 February** - Year 7 EOTC Week
- 7 - 9 March** - Year 10 Camp
- 20 March** - Otago Anniversary Day
- 13 April 2017** - Last day of Term 1
- 1 May 2017** - First day of Term 2
- 7 July 2017** - Last day of Term 2
- 24 July 2017** - First day of Term 3
- 29 September** - Last day of Term 3
- 16 October** - First day of Term 4

Kia ora koutou whānau

Nau mai haere mai – a warm welcome to our students and families, particularly those new to Cromwell from around New Zealand and overseas. Our full school pōwhiri last Wednesday was a fitting way to acknowledge our new students and new staff to our kura. Our roll of 451 is the largest since the mid 1980's with almost 120 new students including, 76 in Year 7, eight internationals from Thailand, Brazil, Japan and Germany and fourteen new Apartments students.

We are excited to welcome eight new staff to our team. Fleur Bracey is from Pakuranga Intermediate in Auckland and is teaching in Year 8; Joanna Brooks will be teaching senior English and previously taught at Aquinas College in Tauranga; Duncan Fulford has been teaching at Fairfield High School in Hamilton and will be teaching science; Tineke Hayes has come to us from Dunstan High School and will be teaching Home Economics; Kylie Hodgkinson will be teaching year 9 drama; Sue Lewis is our school counsellor while Holly McDiamid is on maternity leave and she comes to us from Logan Park High School; and Melanie Mills is covering for Amy Dickie in the PE faculty for Terms 1 and 2. We look forward to the strengths and character that each of our new staff will bring and we wish them all the best as they integrate into our school and wider community.

We have been extremely impressed with how well our new Year 7 students have settled into their mahi (work). I have enjoyed spending time in their classes, learning names and observing their positive and respectful interactions with staff and their peers. A large number have also attended our first kapa haka session quickly mastering our first waiata – tino pai ō mahi. I know the Year 7 students enjoyed their time with our Year 13 students last week and we aim to continue the strong link between our senior students and Year 7s this year.

Thank you to Greg Thomson, Kirsten Dixon, Kate Borrie and Steve Hodgkinson on their organisation of the Year 13 Leadership Camp this week. It has been an ideal setting to integrate our new Apartments students with the 'locals' and consider the leadership opportunities available to our seniors this year. Games of volleyball, cricket, a lovely barbeque and good company made for an enjoyable overnight camp at Rotary Glen on Wednesday evening. A number of these students then headed up the Carrick Track for another night outdoors camping near the Young Australia Mine as part of their introduction to Outdoor Leadership.



Apartments Welcome BBO



Sophie Lee with 7L class



Y7 & Y13 orientation day



Outdoor Leadership Tramp

At our start-up Teacher Only day we had a valuable and thought provoking presentation from InterLead consultant Tony Burkin. I shared his ideas on growth and fixed mind sets with students last week. A fixed mind set can be expressed as "I have never been good at a particular subject, so why bother – it's too hard and I can never get it". The result is you remain stuck. A growth mind set would be "I have found a particular subject hard but if I put the effort in this year I think I can really improve". The result is growth and success. I have urged our students to apply a growth mind set to all learning. Yes, there will be challenges, but if there is no challenge, no failure or discomfort with the learning then we are probably not improving. Courage, learning from errors and effort are the growth mind set that will enable us all to succeed this year.

These ideas of growth mind sets are nicely expressed in two whakatauki I referred to in my powhiri whaikorero (speech) to welcome our new students and staff: Whaowhia ō kete mātauranga – Fill your basket with knowledge, and our school motto in te reo Māori, Whāia te taumata – Pursue the highest peaks.

Mason Stretch
Principal



Kapa Haka

Whāia te taumata - Deserve Success

VEHICLE PERMISSION

A reminder that the school must give formal permission for students to drive a vehicle to school, or to be a passenger in a vehicle driven by a student.

Permission forms are available from Mr Streeter. Permission needs to be renewed each year. If a student changes their licence status (restricted to full) then they should see Mr Streeter to amend the details on record.

CROMWELL COLLEGE UNIFORM

Metro Graphix are located at 2 McNulty Road, Cromwell. The School Uniform Shop hours are 9:15am until 2:30pm (last appointment) Monday-Friday if you require uniform outside of these hours please call Tanya to arrange a time (027 6213582), I am more than happy to work with parents on this. Emailed orders are also acceptable tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz I can either deliver at school (if paid online) or you can collect.

NEW SKIRT - If anyone would like the new skirt for Term 2 - the payment and orders need to be done before 16 February, because these are custom made all items need to be pre-ordered to ensure you receive one. All girls will need to be fitted to ensure the correct size is ordered, if you need to book an appointment, please just give me a call to arrange a suitable time. Thank you to those who have already ordered.

BOYS WINTER ITEMS - For the Senior Boys shirts, I will send a message out when these need to be ordered. Again these are custom made so there will be an ordering deadline in place - so keep an eye on the newsletters. If you have any questions regarding uniform items, feel free to contact me.

Tanya Reddy

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish to extend a warm welcome to all students and staff to Cromwell College for the coming year. Whilst the majority of you are returning, there are many students and staff who are new to our school - whether in Year 7, the Apartments, International students, teaching in the classroom or a new family to town, we welcome your contribution to our school culture and environment during 2017.

The education of our students is a collaborative effort between the college and home. Families, guardians, teaching and support staff and the Board all have our roles to play in supporting students towards realising their own personal potential during their school years. I can assure you the Board is doing our utmost to ensure Cromwell College provides the best educational opportunities for our students and staff.

This year promises to be a busy one for the Board as we commence a review of our school charter and strategic plan in Term 1, revitalise the invaluable MRC Business Sponsorship programme and prepare for the triennial ERO review later in the year. We have much work to do and many successes to look forward to this year.

Greg Wilkinson - Chairperson

Board of Trustees -

Terry Davis, Matt Dicey, Kirsten Dixon, Michael Jones, Geoff Owen, Mason Robinson, Mason Stretch, Greg Wilkinson (Chair).

UPCOMING EVENTS

We welcome parents to our Athletics Day next Tuesday 14 February. This starts with a House march past at around 9am.

Meet your Form Teacher: We are planning an afternoon/evening in Week 5 for parents and their child to meet form teachers and discuss academic mentoring, communication and learning needs. More information next week.

2017 PREFECTS



Tegan Buchanan

Tessa Jackson

Keegan McCusker

Rian Norton

Chloe Pyper

Mason Robinson

Isaac Steentjes

Courtney Vowles

CONGRATULATIONS!

These young swimmers from the Cromwell Swimming Club spent a large portion of their summer holidays training for the Ruby Island open water swimming event in Wanaka. Swimmers battled through our bleak January summer, most sessions just managing to avoid the rain, but toughed it out when there was snow on the mountains. Mac Emeny placed 3rd in the 600m under 15 "The Island" event and Finn Farquharson placed 4th in the under 15 1.2km "Return of the Jetty" event. All the swimmers worked hard and achieved top 10 results.

Finn Farquharson 1.2km, Tamara Hansen 1.2km, Meg Emeny 1.2km, Kelsey Clark 1.2km, Lana Decker 1.2km, Caitriona MacTaggart 1.2km, Olivia Piebenga 1.2km, Kate Spriggs 1.2km, Owain Harris 1.2km, Rota Lafita 1.2km, Mac Emeny 600m, Lucy Reid 1.2km, Lachlann MacTaggart 600m



Softball - **Jade Miller** as part of the Central Otago U17 Girls Softball Team, competing in Christchurch was spotted by a talent scout who selected her for the New Zealand Tournament Team who will travel to Sydney in June.

OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP TRAMP



SPORTS REPORT

Netball pre-season training - Wednesday 15 February, Tuesday 21 February, Thursday 2 March, Friday 10 March.

Netball Trials-Tuesday 28 February 3:15pm
Tuesday 7 March 3:15pm

Rugby - Upper Clutha Rugby club - pre-season/trials six weeks starting 14 February at 6pm. Years 10 - 13.

GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS



Sue Lewis
Available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

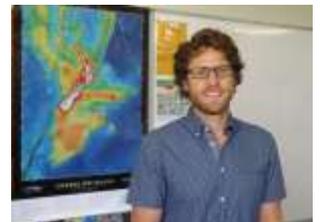


Jonathan Casbolt
Available on Thursday and Friday

NEW STAFF



Tineke Hayes



Kieren Parsons



Joanna Brooks



Kylie Hodkinson



Melanie Mills



Duncan Fulford



Fleur Bracey

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cheerleading Classes for all ages! Learn an exciting routine filled with jumps, stunts, tumble and dance. Fun performances, new skills. Come join us for practice at Goldfields Primary Hall Thursday 3.15pm-4.45pm. Contact Luci Capper 02102952011 or info@summitcheer.co.nz for a free trial.



Queenstown Park Station Recreational Ride Day

The Porter family, owners of Queenstown Park Station, invites the community to a 2017 open day for recreational bike riding, **Sunday 12 February - new route & beach options**

- 'Stations Loop' - returns loop via a stunning scenic beach, start & end at Boyd Rd
- 'Station to Chard Farm' - via a remote scenic beach, start at Boyd Rd & ride to Chard Farm
- A or B, with a new 'High Road' view option. Will be the very experienced trail rider!

Pre-Registration is essential
 ➤ Events can start any time between 10:00am - 10:00am at Boyd Rd, off SH6, south of Kawasa Bridge
 ➤ Riders to finish by 4pm, ending at Boyd Rd or Chard Farm
 ➤ Optional charitable donation on the day for Queenstown Trails Trust

Bring your picnic or day food at the midway point from stations, Mac's House Coffee and Popcorn Stages
 Water stops at stations, toilets, first aid, mechanical assistance and other support provided
 Parking for 'Station Loop' ride at Boyd Rd
 Alternative pick-up area for 'Station to Chard Farm' ride at Chard Farm
 Register to participate at www.remarkablespark.com/community or for enquiries call 03 442 3084

Special thanks to neighbouring landowners Mike & Bronny How at Boyd Road, Rob & Sarah Hop at Chard Farm & our sponsors
 This ride is part of the national Aotearoa Bike Challenge - www.bikechallenge.org.nz

A community ride sponsored by Remarkables Park

Full calendar for 2017 online - www.cromwell.school.nz and via the KAMAR parent portal.

Mufti Days are the last Wednesday of every month; students are asked to bring a gold coin if in mufti. Thank you.

YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP CAMP




Camp Columba
doing learning growing

Meet us! Live music! Face-painting!
 Free BBQ! Big Ball Good yarns
Family Community Open Day
Saturday 18th February
11am-2pm
 Rummage Sale Low Ropes
 Horizontal Bungee! Explore! And much, much more!

Our chance to give back...
 Your chance to enjoy!
 Come along to this sponsored fun event for everyone!

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Thanks from Harold and Pip
We hope your fabulous children enjoyed their visit to the Life Education Trust Classroom.

Who are Harold and Pip, you may ask? Well, they are the amazing duo who work in the Life Education Trust's mobile classroom. They help to provide children with the knowledge to make informed choices about their health, respect for others and to appreciate their uniqueness.

The programme helps children:

- develop life skills;
- make healthy choices;
- gain knowledge about their health and bodies;
- develop a sense of self esteem and a positive understanding of themselves;
- develop strategies for relating to others.



Students from Year 7 visiting the Life Education Bus

Did you know:

The Life Education Trust is a charity that provides children with the knowledge to make informed choices about their health, respect for others and to appreciate their uniqueness:

We reach 245,000 primary and intermediate children (nationally), every year;

The Heartland Otago/Southland Trust works hard to keep the costs for schools down to \$4 per child. The remaining cost, about \$15 per child, is funded by the trust via local/national sponsorship, community organisations/trusts and our Harold Club sponsors.

If you would like to find out more about us, check out our website: www.lifeeducation.org.nz