



NEWSLETTER 2

24 February 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 February - Year 7 EOTC Week

1 March - Classes finish at 12:25pm for parent / form teacher / student interviews

7 - 9 March - Year 10 Camp

20 March - Otago Anniversary Day

23 - 25 March - Summer Quad Winton (Years 9-13)

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



Tegan Buchanan & Keegan McCusker



BLAST 2017



Athletics Day



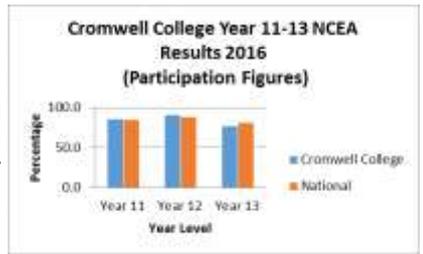
Outdoor Pursuits

Kia ora koutou whanau.

We have another outstanding Prefect team this year and we are excited by the leadership that they will bring to our school. Congratulations to Keegan McCusker, Head Boy, and Tegan Buchanan, Head Girl, on their selection as our head students. Prefects this year include Tessa Jackson, Rian Norton, Chloe Pyper, Mason Robinson, Isaac Steentjes and Courtney Vowles.

He rawe (well done) to Clutha House on winning the House Athletics last Tuesday. This is always a memorable day of colour, spirit, healthy competition, strong involvement and school pride. The atmosphere was superb and the organisation, great participation and role modelling of our House Captains and seniors was a major factor in the success of the day. A number of long standing records were broken in running and field events. Owain Harris broke the 100m record for U12 boys which was previously set by Titoko Bakani in 1996. Tia Clark's shotput throw of 10.00m broke Belinda Colling's 1990 record and Kees Scott also broke the senior boys shotput record previously held by Daniel Roberts (2000). Tau kē! (tremendous effort).

Preliminary NCEA results for 2016 continue a positive trend. Year 11 and 12 results are again above national figures and our students are likely to surpass the government target of 85% of students leaving school with NCEA Level 2 as they did in 2015. Our year 12 results are very pleasing and reflect the wide range of programmes on offer including the Central Otago Trades Academy run through the Otago Polytechnic here in Cromwell. Students are also striving to achieve academic excellence and this is resulting in an upward trend in Merit and Excellence Endorsements across Year 11, 12 and 13.



Our triathletes competed with distinction in the Otago Secondary Schools Championships in Cromwell last week. Lana Deaker placed 3rd in the senior individual girls, Jack King, Ryan Jones and Finn Farquharson were 2nd in the junior boys and Kelsey Clark, Kamryn Reddy and Olivia Geneblaza were first in the junior mixed race. Our rowers are training hard as they prepare for South Island Secondary Schools regatta in early March and we wish our senior touch team all the best for the Otago Tournament this weekend. Our annual QUAD tournament is coming up later in March and teams from Year 9 to 13 are already being selected.

Staff are also working to organise Year 7 and Year 10 camps over the next two weeks. Year 7 students will enjoy activities at Bannockburn Inlet and at our Aquatic Centre next week and Year 10 students will be set for an exciting 4 days at Kidds Bush the week after. The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award will be starting soon for students in Year 10 to 13 and we are aiming to complete our Gold expeditions this term.

Kia manawanui (be determined) to students who have signed up to this year's BLAST programme. This is a superb opportunity to build fitness, teamwork, self discipline and character. Nick Booth started this year's group on Monday at 6.15am in our gymnasium with drill, fitness exercises and a hearty breakfast. I was very impressed by the commitment and attitude of the 28 students attending on Wednesday morning.

Our Apartments students are enjoying their Sunday outdoor pursuits programme with new Director Richard Saunders and he has spoken highly of their commitment, team work and organisation. They have tramped, navigated and mountain biked so far this year and will be adventure racing and tramping the Routeburn Caples and Kepler tracks later this term.

Next Wednesday we will welcome parents and students to our academic mentoring / goal setting interviews with form teachers. The strength of the relationship between parents, students and teachers is paramount in supporting a student's progress at school and these interviews are an excellent step in strengthening this relationship.

Mason Stretch - Principal

STICKS 'n' STONES



The three Year 7 classes were fortunate enough to have a visit from Karla Sanders of Sticks'n'Stones recently.

Sticks'n'Stones is a group of ambassadors against online bullying and offer strategies to build resilience and combat this issue. The students were involved with a number of unique discussions and activities to help begin their journey to becoming responsible

digital citizens as well as promoting positive relationships in the playground.

The students will have an opportunity over the next few weeks to join this amazing group of students out to combat unhelpful, hurtful and unnecessary interactions.



DRAMA CLASSES



This year Cromwell College has introduced Drama as a subject for Years 8 and 9. Teachers Catherine Forsyth and Kylie Hodkinson have started teaching modules. Photos show the Year 8 class 'making scenes' (a movie scene and a bus scene) while Year 9s have been working in the auditorium with props.



Next month Kylie Hodkinson will be taking a six week lunchtime theatre sports/drama games course. Permission slips are available from the Arts Coordinator Catherine Forsyth.

ACADEMIC MENTORING MEETINGS 1 MARCH 2017

Full instructions were emailed home on 22 February.

Instructions for booking your reports online:
Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Enter school code: p52v5

MUSIC

Recently Music students started a module on performance practice. This module looks at things like how to practise effectively, the psychology behind performing in public etc.



As part of this module ex Cromwell College Head Boy Joel Neilson spoke to the Year 10 and Year 11-13 classes. Joel recently graduated with a Bachelor of Audio and Sound Production at

SIT. Joel spoke about getting his first guitar at 5 years of age and practising 'deliberately' by looking at areas in the pieces he plays that need extra practice, not just practising whole pieces over and over again. Joel practises around two hours per day and it was evident from his playing that he is performing at an advanced level. Joel will be working in the Music Department once a week taking private guitar lessons and a small group of senior students for a Technology Level 2 unit standard. Alastair Monteath also spoke to the senior class and reinforced what Joel had said about appropriate practice techniques. Alastair is an accomplished musician who has travelled internationally with concert bands, both as a performer and a conductor. Alastair takes the school jazz band as well as teaching various students at the College. Alastair also is a professional musician and has his own webpage <http://alastairmonteath.co.nz/>

With itinerant and private Music teachers Pete Stephenson, Trish Copland, Johanna Hansen, Alastair Forbes and Cath Forsyth the Music Department has a wealth of teaching and performing experience between them.

Cath Forsyth (Teacher of Senior Music)

Instrumental Music at Cromwell College



There are a large number of students (over eighty) taking instrumental and vocal music lessons at Cromwell College through the Itinerant Music teachers and with Private Tutors. Many others, of course, take Music lessons outside of school time. If your student is taking private lessons

usually they pay the tutor directly. Thank you to those 48 guitar students who have signed up. Please pay your Term One Guitar fees via the school office. Music lessons are all due in advance. See the friendly office staff if you need to set up an automatic payment to make this really simple. There are opportunities to learn the ukulele in a group and a couple of remaining places - all ages are welcome. Sign up sheets are still available. Making music is an awesome lifelong skill and shows self discipline and the ability to manage yourself as well as work with others from across cultures.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Otago Secondary Schools Triathlon/Multisport Event Results:

Junior mixed team - **Kelsey Clark, Kamryn Reddy, Olivia Geneblaza** 1st place.
 Junior boys team - **Finn Farquharson, Jack King, Ryan Jones** 2nd place.
 Senior girls individual - **Lana Deaker** 3rd place.



Junior National Swimming Championships



Rota Lafita - 3rd 100 Breaststroke, 4th 50 Breaststroke, 6th 100 IM
Lachlann MacTaggart - 7th 200 Breaststroke
Owain Harris - 6th 50 Backstroke, 6th 100 Freestyle, 6th 100 Backstroke
Emma Morton - 8th 100 Butterfly

NEW CROMWELL COLLEGE SCHOOL CAPS

School sports cap. For sale from school office \$15.00 each. Can be worn at school during breaks and for sporting events. Easily washable. Bucket hats are also available.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HILLARY AWARD

The information letters and registration forms for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award were handed out to Year 10 students on Tuesday. If your copy has not made it home, please call into the school office or email me and I will make it available to you. kateborrie@cromwell.school.nz. Gold and Silver information letters and registration forms can also be collected from the school office.

Yr13 OLE at Carricktown on route to their camp in the Valley near the Young Australian Waterwheel.



ATHLETICS DAY



Clutha 1st - 839 points

Nevis 2nd - 718 points

Kawarau 3rd - 565 points

Pisa 4th - 510 points

SPORTS DATES

Netball - Preseason fitness - Thursday 2 March

Trials - Tuesday 28 February and Tuesday 7 March

3.15pm - 4pm - Year 7 & 8

4.00pm - 5pm - Year 9 & 10

5.15pm - 6.15pm - Year 11 - 13

Otago Secondary School Athletics in Dunedin - 10/11 March

Summer Quad - 23/24 March - Years 9 - 13. Nomination forms available from school and gym office. Teams announced Friday 24 February.

KAMAR PARENT PORTAL IS NOW RUNNING

COMMUNITY EVENTS

AWARDS CELEBRATE LAMB

The annual Golden Lamb Awards – or “Glammys” – are a celebration of this country’s finest grass-fed lamb. Held at the Upper Clutha A&P Show, this year the event features Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ambassador Chefs, former Olympic rower and Beef + Lamb New Zealand Iron Maiden, Caroline Evers-Swindell and some of this country’s best sheep farmers vying for the coveted Grand Champion title. On Saturday 11 March, Ambassador Chefs will hold cooking demonstrations at various times during the day and NZ Young Farmers will be running activities for the younger members of the audience.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE



Rotary Clubs are now seeking applications from motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of this long established, successful educational and cultural exchange. Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2018. No family Rotary affiliation required. Applications close 30 April. Contact: Merv Clearwater HM: 03 4894234, MOB:0274339689, mervclearwater@xtra.co.nz or you can talk to Mr Streeter at school.

LIONS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE - BORLAND LODGE



Your local Lions Club is prepared to offer generous sponsorship to help make this course more easily achievable. 18 - 23 April 2017, 16 - 21 year olds. Enquiries to Greg Wilkinson phone 445 1599.

CROMWELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Cromwell junior football is registering players aged from 5 years to 17 years for the 2017 season. Parents can register their children either online or in person. Games are played on a Sunday rotated around the main Central Otago/Lakes towns. Online registration is at - <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=38640> or go to the Facebook site - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/852646974866231/>

Or register in person this Friday 24 February from 4.30pm-6.30pm at the Junior Football Clubrooms at the bottom of Neplusultra Street. Any problems, email me (Michael Laws) at michael@themessage.nz

SINGING WORKSHOP

Singing workshop at Luggate Hall led by Claire Stevens (from Dunedin’s Sunny Side Up) for anyone who loves singing. Reading music not necessary. It will be relaxed, fun and energizing, \$5 a day. Come to either or both days: Saturday 4 March 10:30am - 4pm and Sunday 5 Mar 10am-1:30pm* *Sunday session is followed by a short performance led by Claire Stevens. Listen to the amazing acoustics in this unique local building. This small performance will showcase the best of our weekend’s singing workshop with Claire Stevens. You’ll hear a vibrant group of singers from Dunedin, Wanaka, Glenorchy, Alexandra and Clyde. All welcome (gold coin donation), Sunday 5 March, Luggate Hall 1.30pm. More information: kirstybarr1@gmail.com, 0272005111.



TUI / RISING TIDES PROGRAMMES

We are in the process of gathering data to identify the students for TUI. Tui is the new programme that is replacing Half Day School. We are designing an individualised learning programme to support highly capable learners that have a difficulty in either a subject, a behaviour or to do with the way they process and communicate their ideas and information. The difficulty often shows itself in the classroom before the strengths.

We held a parent meeting on Wednesday so thank you to those who made it. There is information with the Year 7-10 form teachers and in the office if you would like to call in and collect. This will help you identify whether or not your child would benefit from the TUI programme. It gives examples of what 2E might look like.

Please communicate with your child’s form teacher, kareninglis@cromwell.school.nz or myself charlotterawcliffe@cromwell.school.nz to either ask questions, find out some information or give us information. You know your child best, so please let us know.

The poster features a large photo of Ben Blanche, a man wearing ski goggles and a colorful jacket. To the right is a smaller photo of him in a racing suit. The text on the poster reads: SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES AUSTRIA 2017 Graz | Schladming | Kitzbühel | St. Moritz. SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENING FOR CROMWELL'S SPECIAL WINTER OLYMPIAN, BEN BLANCHE. Harvest Hotel Conference Centre 6 Barry Ave, Cromwell. Tuesday, February 28 7 - 9pm. \$35 per head includes pizza and a drink on arrival. Tickets from Harvest Hotel reception or ph 03 445 1777. SPECIAL GUEST FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION Officially recognised as 'The World's Fastest Female Rally Driver' Emma Gilmore talks with Cromwell Lakes Trust CEO Paul Johnson about her successes, her aspirations and what drives her to a male dominated sport. HELP BEN CONQUER MOUNTAINS 20-year-old your old Ben is one of just 22 athletes with intellectual disabilities who will be representing New Zealand on the world stage at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria from March 14 - 25, 2017. With 300 athletes from over 20 countries, this lifetime opportunity for Ben is viewed as the worldwide biggest social engagement and sports event of 2017. One hundred percent of the \$35 ticket price to this special fundraiser evening will be contributed to helping Ben conquer mountains. Tuesday, February 28 at 7pm. Be sure to come along to the Harvest Hotel Conference Centre with family, friends and workmates.