



29 May 2017



# NEWSLETTER 7

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 31 May** - Cardrona Season Pass / Equipment hire forms and payment due
- 30 May** - Gateway First Aid Course
- 31 May** - College Swim Sports
- 1 June** - Otago Cross Country
- 2 - 5 June** - OP trip to Stewart Is
- 4 - 9 June** - Y13 Commerce Trip to Wellington
- 14 - 15 June** - ODT Spelling Quiz
- 15 - 16 June** - Waimate Exchange - Juniors travel
- 17 June** - School Formal Y12 & Y13
- 22 - 23 June** - Junior Ice skating
- 28 - 30 June** - Year 13 Biology Trip

Kia ora koutou whānau

Where is Cromwell? Why Cromwell College? Why spend a year boarding there? These were some of the common questions from students, and some parents, during the marketing of our Apartments Outdoor Pursuits programme at the Careers Expo in Auckland last week. A reference to Queenstown and a map quickly sorted the first question and sharing feedback from current and past Apartments students and parents convinced many of the special opportunity this programme provides. As well as a stunning location, an exciting outdoor programme, valuable life skill development and a safe, dynamic community, our school offers relatively small senior classes, positive supportive relationships between students and teachers, strong academic results in NCEA and a broad curriculum successfully catering for a wide variety of career pathways. It is a fabulous combination. Since 1995, almost 400 students have graduated from the Cromwell College Apartments programme and this year we have another 18 students making the most of their time as part of our community and our school.

He rawe (congratulations) to Courtney Anderson on winning the Trust Power Community Spirit Award recently. This award is fitting acknowledgement of the selfless, caring and committed service Courtney gives to our school and wider community. The hallmark of Courtney's dealings with people is her warmth and genuine interest in the wellbeing of others. Courtney will complete two prestigious service awards this year, her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award and the St John Grand Prior Award - an outstanding achievement. Courtney's mentoring of young people at our school, support for St John Penguins, dancing to entertain senior citizens and her wider commitment to St John are all typical of her character – respectful, caring, responsible and considerate. Well done Courtney.

Jim Hughes, our Apartments Manager for the past 6 years, left us at the end of Term 1 to take up business opportunities in China. It was something Jim had been planning for some time. Jim is remembered very fondly by Apartments students and parents for his dedication and unwavering support and care. He was a great advocate for the benefits of a year in Cromwell for students and worked tirelessly to give students the best opportunity to live and learn through the Apartments programme. We wish him all the best with his exciting business venture. We are very pleased that Danny Winstanley has been appointed as our new Apartments Manager.

Our staff and students were saddened to learn of the death of Joan Hillary last week and our thoughts and condolences are with her family. Joan had a long association with our school, supporting students in careers and transition programmes and was an immense help to Chris Page, our recent Careers Advisor. Joan was always a bundle of energy, smiles and life as she breezed through school to catch up with senior students and staff and we will miss her.

A sincere thanks to Central Otago police officers who ran the valuable 'Loves Me Not' programme with our Year 12 students recently. The interactive sessions provided excellent opportunities to discuss what positive relationships should look like and feel like.

Clutha continues to lead our House Competition after the Athletics and Tug of War. Our College Swimming Sports is next up, this Wednesday, with competitive swimming in the morning and house competition in the afternoon. There is also an inter-house portrait painting competition later this week. Karawhiua mai (Bring it on!).

Our Cultural Assembly last week was an excellent example of our school Kawa in action. Our three performers, rock band 'Usual Strangers', Cameron Miller (trumpet) and Julia Anderson and Megan Foster (piano), all displayed 'Courage' to perform in front of their peers. They also displayed 'Personal Excellence' in the quality of their performances. Our third Kawa value, 'Respect' was clearly evident in the attentive response of our students and I was proud to congratulate them for being an excellent audience, one that willingly displayed 'manaakitanga' – care, generosity and support for others. Ka pai!

Mason Stretch, Principal



Courtney Anderson Trustpower Community Spirit Award



"Loves Me Not" Program organised by the Police for Y12 students



Cultural Assembly

## CLASS 8B

Students launching their baking soda and vinegar rockets in Year 8 acids and bases science. Plus Jorja S and Tammy using the chalk they made in science to measure the perimeter of a square metre and challenge 8B to fit inside the perimeter



## PREFECTS' PATCH

Hi everyone!

Our apologies for not having a Prefects' Patch done for you before now; the Prefects have all had a busy start to the year organising activities and getting out and about in the school. This year all of the Prefects will be busy in their respective roles with Rian, Isaac and Tegan (the Sports Prefects) having many achievements to recognise and sports to keep up with as the winter sport season approaches.

We have had many guest speakers in assemblies lately with Harley from 40 Hour Famine coming to talk to the students and also Anna from Enviroschools. These speakers both gave new opportunities for students to push themselves outside their comfort zone.

Courtney (our Environment Prefect) will be working throughout the year with Anna and the students interested in being in her environment group.

For Term 2 and the rest of the year, the 'Cultural Collective' (Mason, Keegan and myself) have many activities planned including a Lip Sync Competition, lunchtime activities and 'hide the monkey'.

We also have Chloe doing some awesome work with the SADD Group (Students Against Dangerous Driving) made up of Year 13's keen to raise awareness of a serious issue in NZ. Pink Shirt day happened on the 26th of May which was an awesome way for the whole school to support and make a stand against bullying. This was lead by the Sticks'n'Stones group who did a fantastic job!

So! An action packed term is planned by the Prefects. Stay tuned for our next Prefects' Patch.

Tessa Jackson



# PINK SHIRT DAY

26th May is Pink Shirt day - which is all about anti-bullying. The key messages are 'Speak up, Stand together, Stop bullying'. The Year 7s designed anti-bullying t-shirts and transferred them onto shrinkable plastic. They then shrunk them down and glued on a pin to make little badges. The badges were for sale on pink shirt day. Thanks to Vanya Hutchinson for her time and the knowledge she has passed on to the students that enabled them to do this.



The mufti day raised \$309.80





**Residents' invited to take online survey**

Central Otago District Council is asking residents to jump online to share their views on Council services and amenities in its 2017 Residents' Survey. Council wants to deliver on the community's expectations. To do this it needs to know what the community currently thinks about the services Council provides, what they are satisfied with and what needs improvement. This online survey is a perfect tool for feeding your thoughts back to Council. Head to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/codc2017](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/codc2017). As a thank you for your time you will go into the draw to win one of five \$50 Prezzy cards. It's quick, easy and important to have your say.

**LIMITED EDITION STICKS & STONES PORTRAIT SESSIONS - RAISING AWARENESS FOR BULLYING & RAISING MONEY FOR Sticks 'n' Stones**

This week is Bullying-Free NZ Week so what better time to announce my Limited Edition Portrait Sessions than today! Booking now for June - Contact me for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/staceydownerphotography/>



**GREAT SCOTT FITZGERALD GATSBY UNLEASHED**



On Thursday 1st June 2017 @ 11:20am the New Zealand Playhouse Theatre will be bringing "Great Scott Fitzgerald! Gatsby Unleashed" to Cromwell College. All Year 7,8 and 9's will be attending. The cost is \$5 per student .

**STRIKE PERCUSSION**



Last Tuesday the NZ group 'Strike Percussion' performed a concert for the Year 7-10 students. Later selected students took part in workshops that were held over the day. Students were wowed by the performance and amazed by the workshops which allowed them to do rather complicated rhythms in a short space of time.



Photos show the senior music class and a Year 7 class in



workshops and 'Strike Percussion'. The cost was \$5 for the concert and \$7.50 for the workshop. Please forward payment for these charges, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Cath Forsyth - Arts Coordinator



Otago Secondary Schools Swimming -  
**Jack King** - 2nd 50m Backstroke, 5th 100m IM, 6th 100 Freestyle

**Gaby Harman** - 7th 50m Butterfly, 8th 50m Backstroke

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Free Dental Care for 0-17 year olds

**NEW Online Enrolment**

You can now enrol or update your details online at:

[www.southernhdb.govt.nz/pages/oral-health-enrolment](http://www.southernhdb.govt.nz/pages/oral-health-enrolment)



LIKE our Facebook page and go in the draw to WIN one of our monthly oral health prize packs!

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Community Oral Health Service

Otago 0800 672 543  
Southland 0800 570 300

**Southern District Health Board**  
Piki Te Ora




## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME 2017

**Level 1** Complete beginner to park and freestyle riding

**Level 2** Can hit small kickers and slide beginner rails

**Level 3** Can comfortably hit medium kickers and slide most rails/boxes

This is a weekly programme for local primary and secondary school children (minimum participant age 5 years old as at programme start date).

**Equipment is not included**  
Please enquire at: [info@queenstownindoorsnowpark.co.nz](mailto:info@queenstownindoorsnowpark.co.nz)

**Term 2** (running 5 weeks)  
16:00 - 17:30  
5th June - 7th July  
\$125.00 for members  
\$175.00 for non-members

**Term 3** (90 weeks)  
Time TBC  
24th July - 29th September  
\$250.00 per school term for members  
\$350.00 per school term for non-members

**Term 4** (90 weeks)  
Time TBC  
16th October - 20th December  
\$250.00 per school term for members  
\$350.00 per school term for non-members

Call 0800 766 972 or email [info@queenstownindoorsnowpark.co.nz](mailto:info@queenstownindoorsnowpark.co.nz) to book!

## Luge Camp Monday 10 to Friday 14 July 2017 (with races on 14, 15, 21 & 22 July) Naseby, Central Otago

Other winter fun at the Naseby Ice Adventure Park:  
Sunday 2 July – Naseby Ice Festival Friday 14 July, 1pm – Naseby Cup 1 Luge Race Saturday 15 July, 10am – NZ Luge Championships Saturday 15 July, 6pm – Costume Ice Dance at Ice Rink Monday 17 to Friday 21 July – Ice Camp Friday 21 July, 1pm – Naseby Cup 2 Luge Race Saturday 22 July, 10am – Naseby Cup 3 Luge Race



If you are interested in attending the 2017 Luge Camp, or finding out more information, please email the following details or contact: Geoff Balme, President - NZ Olympic Luge Association Inc Email

[gbalme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gbalme@xtra.co.nz) or phone/txt 0274 958 923 Register on-line at <http://goo.gl/forms/5KQAYS60Iz> or by emailing the following to [gbalme@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gbalme@xtra.co.nz)



[www.robertfugah.co.nz](http://www.robertfugah.co.nz)

## West African DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

An African Cultural Experience

WITH **KOFFIE FUGAH**  
Master Drummer and Dancer from Ghana, West Africa

The focus for these workshops will be technique and all the different parts that make African rhythms so groovy and contagious.

Students will be introduced to African instruments and will have the opportunity to explore their own style and musical creativity in a relaxed and fun environment.

"Did you know new research shows that rhythm is fundamental to how the brain works and good rhythm promotes good health both physically and mentally leading to longer, happier lives"

**RHYTHM IS CONTAGIOUS AND EVERYONE CAN DO IT, so come and join in the fun!**

**NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED**

Contact Koffie to book a place and receive a Djembe Drum!

**021 02680964**

**ABOUT ME**  
Koffie Fugah is a professional African Drumming and Dance Teacher and a Performer, born in village called Abor from the Volta Region of Ghana where music and dance is part of their daily lives. He has taught drumming and dance for over 15 years in Schools and to expatriates both in Ghana and abroad. During this time, Koffie has built a solid reputation with staff and management as a reliable, hardworking teacher

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**Cromwell College, Barry Avenue  
Cromwell, Central Otago**  
Saturday, 17th JUNE, 2017  
10.30am-2.30pm  
with a LUNCH BREAK

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