



16 February 2018

NEWSLETTER 1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 24 February - OSS Touch
- 26 February - 1 March - Y10 Camp
- 2 March - Staff only day
- 2 - 4 March - SISS Rowing
- 2 - 3 March - OSS Athletics
- 4 March - SISS duathlon/triathlon
- 5 March - NZQA NCEA Jumbo day, classes for Years 7-8 only
- 6 - 9 March - Year 7 EOTC
- 6 - 7 March - Mike King Presentations
- 8 March - CO Primary Swim Champs
- 9 - 11 March - OSS Volleyball
- 9 March - Otago Futsal - Dunedin

Kia ora koutou whanau. Nau mai haere mai everyone and a warm welcome to families who are new to our school. It is hard to believe that it is the end of week three already. Our opening day mihi whakatau (welcome), with kōrero and waiata, is a special way to acknowledge new staff and students. Thank you to Mel Gerritsen and Karen Gallagher for their support. Students are already into good routines with their learning and there is a real hum around the school of renewed energy and positivity. I am enjoying my regular visits to our Year 7 classes and talking with all of our new students and learning something about each one of them.

I have been very impressed by the respectful enthusiastic attitudes of our students. We have around 110 new students this year with 80 in Year 7, 15 in our senior Apartments Programme and 4 new international students from Japan and Germany. Our roll of 462 is the largest again for many years and is set to continue to grow. This will create some challenges for classroom space and we are working with the Ministry of Education to manage significant growth in the next few years.

We welcome 8 new staff to the college: Jason Barron (Year 7), Rachel Cassaidy (Guidance Counsellor), Stuart Land (HOF Science), Melanie Mills (Central Lakes Trust Employment Project), Rachel Nelson (Year 8), Jane Swire (HOF Mathematics), Katie Thomson (Junior subjects) and Suzy Wood (Home Economics). Tony Streeter continues to recover well from an operation at the end of last year and he will be returning, part time, later this term.

We have provisional NCEA results for last year and they look extremely pleasing. All levels appear to be close to, or above, the national roll based figures with highlights being Year 13 results 13% above and Year 11 results 12 % above the national figure. We will provide more detail on these results when they are confirmed in late February. Over 50 students gained endorsements for their NCEA and we will celebrate these achievements with our Business Sponsors Scholarships at an assembly for students and parents in Week 6 this term.



BLAST

BLAST 2018 kicked off at 0610 hours on Monday morning with teacher Nick Booth and 34 keen students from Year 9 to 12. Many are returning for the second or third time to this fabulous programme that develops fitness, self confidence, teamwork and self discipline.



Year 12 Chemistry

'You are a leader whether you want to be or not!' It is a point I make each year at our Year 13 Leadership Camp. All students look to our Year 13's for guidance and leadership and they have a real opportunity to influence the tone and culture of our school. The leadership camp also provides time to strengthen the bonds between students new and old. Prefects for 2018 were selected last year and we look forward to the role model and impact they will provide this year – congratulations to Matthew Anderson, Maddy Ainsley, Greta Bauer, Tia Clark, Liam Flynn, Regan Hucklebridge, Bob Wardill and Laurel Williams



Athletics Day - March Past Champs Kawarau

Students have already auditioned for our school production of Hairspray and rehearsals started this week. This is a major undertaking for staff and students and I congratulate them for their commitment and passion. The performances are set for the middle of Term 2 and I wish the production team, cast and crew all the best as they bring the show together.

Kapa haka continues to grow in popularity and strength with over 45 students at our first practice this week. Our seniors (tuakana) quickly took on the role of teachers and leaders for our new students (teina) and there is a lot of excitement for the year ahead.



A number of initiatives are being planned this year following our strategic plan review and community consultations. Examples for this term are: increasing pastoral contact between form teachers and students; presenting a resilience programme 'Raise Them Strong' to all students; launching the William Pike Challenge for Year 9 students; Mike King presenting his 'I am hope' message; and support for our Sticks and Stones group. We also have parent evenings with parenting expert Yvonne Godfrey, Restorative Practice advocate Marg Thorsborne and William Pike later this term.

Mason Stretch - Principal

Whaia te taumata - Deserve Success

BOARD MATTERS

Tena koutou katoa. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I welcome all students, whanau and staff to the new school year - whether returning students and staff or one of over 110 new students, including Outdoor Pursuits and Internationals, and seven new teaching staff - a warm welcome to all.



Powhiri

I am pleased to announce that at our first meeting for the year the Board has appointed Beth Phelps as a co-opted trustee for the remainder of our term (until trustee elections in 2019). Beth has served, until recently, on the Board at Cromwell Primary School as a parent rep trustee, and has now followed her own children in transitioning to the college. She brings to the Board strong finance and accounting skills, school governance experience, a passion for education, and also helps in rebalancing gender diversity on the Board. Welcome Beth, we are a stronger Board already with your appointment. At the same meeting, I was also re-appointed as chair.

Having completed our Strategic Plan review last year, the Board will this year concentrate on giving effect to our new vision of 'Best I can be'. This applies equally to trustees, management, staff and students, and I also challenge you all, our school families, to 'be your best' too. If we are all being our best individually, then it follows that collectively we can achieve great things for our students!

An Annual Plan will soon be available that includes many of the ideas and desires expressed during our community consultation last year. As promised, we will also be holding another community meeting later in the term to present this Annual Plan. With a starting school roll of 465 students, it is important that we provide modern, fit-for-purpose learning environments within the school. Another key focus area for the Board is to engage with the Ministry of Education in drafting a new master plan to ensure we can cater for our steadily growing student numbers, now and into the future.

Greg Wilkinson
Board chair

PREFECTS PATCH

Welcome to your 2018 school year! As prefects along with the rest of Year 13 we wish you a safe and productive school year. We look forward to working with you guys and seeing what the year has to offer. This year our mission as Year 13s is to improve and boost the school pride. To achieve this we need full school support. Feel free to come talk to us at anytime.

Kia ora, from your prefects for 2018; Tia Clark, Maddy Ainsley, Laurel Williams, Greta Bauer, Matthew Anderson, Bob Wardill, Regan Hucklebridge and Liam Flynn.

NETBALL TRIALS

Tues 6 March	Year 11-13	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri 9 March	Year 11-13	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri 16 March	Year 7 & 8	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Fri 23 March	Year 7 & 8	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thurs 15 March	Year 9 & 10	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Mon 19 March	Year 9 & 10	3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please meet at the netball courts. Any questions please contact Megan Anderson. Thank you.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Apologies for the incorrect information being distributed. The school calendar can be viewed via our school website, not the KAMAR portal.



New staff (dressed for athletics day) - Katie Thomson, Stuart Land, Jane Swire, Rachel Nelson, Jason Barron. Absent; Rachel Cassaidy and Suzy Wood.



Life Education Bus visit



MUSIC NEWS

Itinerant Music and Private Music has started for the year. If you want to be involved but have not yet signed up it is not too late. Get a form from Mrs Copland today. You can take your lessons before and after school if you arrange this. Whanua are encouraged to support their students learning at home. Good quality instruments are best for beginners but start where you can afford rather than not start at all. Music is social, skilful and fun. Thanks for all those permission slips received up to date - please keep them coming in. To keep accurate rolls we need to know when you are at music.

The Cromwell College Kawa has three important aspects: respect, courage and personal excellence. Music lessons provide opportunities to display all these character building behaviours.

Mrs Copland - TIC Music

Itinerant Music



The Music department is up and running with Itinerant Music teachers giving lessons, Jazzband rehearsals and auditions for the Schools production of 'Hairspray'.

Several of the established members of the '45 South' Jazzband left school at the end of last year. They are replaced by Kleff Tan (bass), Nevis Colloty Spiers (guitar), Kiki Hu (piano), Ella Hedley (voice) and Logan Bell (keyboard/piano).

Established player Cameron Miller is directing the Junior Jazzband, giving students from Years 7-10 the opportunity to be part of a group. We look forward to their first performance in term two.



Cath Forsyth - Performing Arts Coordinator

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to please label all school uniform clothing items with the students name. We have clothing handed in and cannot return it to its rightful owner as none of the items are named. Thank you.

RAISE THEM STRONG, RESILIENCE TRAINING



During Term 1 form teachers will be sharing an entertaining and informative video training program designed by Brooks Gibbs with our students.

Brooks Gibbs is an award-winning social skills educator. He specializes in teaching youth how to be emotionally resilient and inspires them to live by the Golden Rule.

Brooks empowers students to grow in their emotional resilience, anger management, and social skills.

Topics covered will help your child deal with:

- Cyberbullying
- Social Exclusion
- Physical Aggression
- Hurtful Jokes
- Rumours
- and much much more.

In this training program students will become an expert in TWO things:

- They will become emotionally strong
- They will become socially friendly

Brooks teaches students two basic principles:

- Don't get upset (Emotional Resilience)
- Treat them like a friend (The Golden Rule)

Most youth aggression is non-criminal and consists of name calling, social exclusion, rumours, etc. These behaviors are inevitable between siblings at home and peers at school. Despite the pettiness of these behaviors, they can do tremendous emotional harm to a student. Brooks teaches students how to protect their emotions from the effects of these behaviors through emotional resilience.

He also communicates the genius of The Golden Rule. This social instruction teaches students how to make friends and also manage their perceived enemies. The Golden Rule takes advantage of the law of reciprocity, and as students learn to treat others as friends, this positive behavior becomes the social norm.

If you as a parent want to know more follow Brooks Gibbs on Facebook or check out his free social media videos or sign up to his online training *Raise Them Strong* program <http://brooksgibbs.com>

**Lions Southern Outdoor Experience
Youth Leadership Course**

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16 – 21 April 2018



If you are 16-21 years old, why not plan to come on this year's course!

- Kayaking
- Rock Climbing
- Abseiling
- Caving
- Team Building
- Climbing
- Indoor Scenarios
- Problem Solving
- Tramping



Course Instructors are Adventure Southland Ltd
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Cost \$750 Applications Close Friday 30th March 2018

LIONS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE



Parent to Parent is a charity which has supported the families of loved ones with disabilities for 34 years and is the only provider in NZ of trained Support Parents and tailor-made researched information for each child.

We also provide free training courses for parents and siblings living with a family member with a disability or health impairment. For more information contact steve@coreap.org.nz.



**- FOOTBALL -
REGISTRATIONS
for the 2018 Season**



Football NZ has already begun emailing existing players. Check your spam. If you have not been emailed, Go to:

mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de

Here you can create a new account.

Email us if you need help:

cromwelljuniorfootballclub@gmail.com

Registrations close March 2nd.

Let's get excited for a new year of football!!

First game is April 8th.

Parenting Helpline

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get support, advice and practical strategies

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Jimmy Dundass, our caretaker, cleaning up the water from the flooded B Common Room during the recent storm.