



18 August 2017



# NEWSLETTER 11

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 31 August** - CO Primary Netball Tournament
- 4 - 8 September** - Sports Tournament Week
- 13 - 19 September** - Senior Assessment Period
- 16 September** - SISS Ski/board Championships
- 20 September** - Soirée
- 22 September** - SIT Open Day
- 24 September** - OSS Duathlon
- 25 September** - Year 7 and 8 Kavanagh Exchange (Cromwell)
- 26 September** - CO Volleyball Tournament
- 29 September** - Last Day of Term 3
- 16 October** - First Day of Term 4



OSS Ski/board Championships Cardrona



Cross Country



House Competitions - Dodge Ball

Kia ora koutou whānau

One and a half hours from Cardrona Alpine Resort does have its advantages. Each Thursday in Term 3 Year 11 Physical Education and Year 12 and 13 Outdoor Leadership classes head to the slopes as part of their NCEA programme and this week Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 students have had the opportunity to enjoy this experience. They had two spectacular days with great snow and weather and our staff praised the initiative and responsibility of our students. Tino pai also to our ski and snowboard teams on their placings in the Otago Secondary Schools Snowboard Championships last week.

The day cleared beautifully for our cross country last Friday. There was a tremendous atmosphere of committed participation and competitive running across the year levels and we had the pleasure of congratulating the winners and awarding their medals at our assembly this week. Ka pai ō omaoma rangatahi mā (well done on your running). All the best to our Year 7 and 8 students who qualified for the Central Otago Cross Country to be held next week.

Clutha were again victorious in the cross country Inter-House competition and are ahead in the race for the shield. We have House dodge ball in our gym today and students are preparing for the Inter-House haka over the next few weeks.

Ka pai to our kapa haka ropu who have been preparing for their Polyfest performance in Dunedin. The performance is likely to be in the evening of Wednesday 13 September and I will forward more details once this is confirmed by the organisers. We hope to have a dress rehearsal beforehand and welcome parents to this. Our group will also be performing, along with a number of our talented artists, at our Soirée on Wednesday evening 20 September.

cromwell.school.nz has been completely revamped. Our new website has been designed and developed over the past five months with Craig Fahey from Wanaka Digital and we have already received many positive comments regarding its style and functionality. The sight is now mobile friendly and able to be updated much more readily than in the past. It is an excellent portal to access our notices, KAMAR, school calendar, newsletters and other information on our College. I welcome our community to visit the sight and then provide me with any feedback that will further improve its quality and value.

We have three of our sports teams heading to South Island Winter Sports Tournaments in Week 7 this term. Our senior girls hockey and netball teams head to Christchurch and our senior boys soccer team to Dunedin. They are all practising with purpose and excitement for this opportunity to represent our school on the bigger stage and we wish them and their coaches and supporters all the best with preparations. Thank you again to our Community Business Sponsors for enabling us to donate \$1000 to each of these teams to offset their travel and accommodation costs.

I trust that parents found the Academic Mentoring Interviews last week valuable and that these have helped refocus all students, in particular our seniors for their NCEA goals this year. I encourage parents to continue to monitor the Fortnightly Checks of classroom engagement for each child, available through the KAMAR portal.

Ngā mihi nui

Mason Stretch  
Principal

## FABRIC BAG MAKING WORKSHOP

The Cromwell Recycling Community are holding a sewing bee making fabric bags. Thursday, August 24, 6pm - 8pm, upstairs in the Hynds Office, Traders Lane, off McNulty Road.

Please bring your sewing machine or over-locker if possible, scissors, thread and any fabric you might want to donate. There will be a few spare machines available. Warm welcome guaranteed; we'd love to have as many helpers as possible even if you can't sew.

Fabric donations can also be dropped to the Cromwell Resource Centre anytime during business hours. Any questions please ph. George 021 228 8324. Information on Facebook at 'Cromwell Recycling Community'.

A daytime session will be held at the Lowburn Hall on Monday, August 28, 10am to 2pm.

Thanks to everyone in Cromwell who has helped already. We've had a great response.



## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Could parent(s) / caregiver(s) please check contact details in the Kamar parent portal and let the office team know if any details need to be updated. Thank you. The office team need to know if any contact phone numbers, email addresses, or home address information have changed throughout the year.

Please note that emails sent home via our student manager system (Kamar) are non reply so if you wish to reply to someone you need to generate a new email message and send it directly to the person, rather than hit "reply".

Report all absences to the office rather than the student's teachers. Absences for more than three days require a 'leave form' to be completed prior to the absence. Medical absences longer than 3 days will require a medical certificate from the doctor.

Thank you.

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominations are called for the student representative for the Cromwell College Board of Trustees. Nominations from students in Years 9 to 12 only. Please see Megan in the office for a nomination form. Forms must be returned no later than noon on Friday 8 September 2017. Students must be available for one year on the Board of Trustees from September 2017 until September 2018. Our current student representative is Mason Robinson if you have any questions.

## Outstanding Performance Awards (Special Award) For Senior & Junior Prize Giving EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Please record individual achievements and email to the office.

Outstanding Performance (Special Award) Certificate –

This award certificate may be given to a student who:

- ⇒ is selected for a representative team at provincial level or higher (not Central Otago or Otago Country)
- ⇒ wins a provincial, island, national or international championship
- ⇒ wins a provincial, island, national or international cultural, musical or speech competition
- ⇒ is selected to compete at a national cultural, musical or speech competition

For swimmers only to receive a special award certificate the student must be selected to compete at Division 2 level or higher.

## PEACE WEEK 7-11TH AUGUST 2017

Year 9 Social Studies & Year 10 Economics created a Peace wall. We listened to protest music from the time of the Anti nuclear debate.

We celebrated 30 years of New Zealand being nuclear free.



## NCEA QUALIFICATIONS FEES

Students entering for a NCEA qualification this year need to pay their NZQA fee which is collected by the College.

Standard fee for entry to NCEA standards is \$76.70c. Entry for NZ Scholarship is \$30.00 per subject.

Financial assistance is available for those receiving a work and income or study link benefit having a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card having more than one child undertaking NZQA qualifications in the same year, where total fees would be more than \$200.

Financial assistance application forms can be sourced from the College or from the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

Applications for financial assistance must be received at the College by 29 August 2017. All NZQA fees (cheques payable to Cromwell College) must be received by 5 September 2017.

Please contact Mr Streeter at the College if you have any questions. Thank you.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH HILLARY AWARD Research Results from Western Sydney University Pilot Study

There has been a great deal of research conducted on the impact of the Award in terms of the qualities young people learn through participation in the programme. The vast majority of research to date is based on qualitative (or anecdotal) evidence. In 2015, a research team from Western Sydney University volunteered their time and know-how to develop and pilot research to provide an approach with quantifiable results. The aim was to provide statistical data to demonstrate which 'learnings' can be directly attributed to participation in the Award program.

The results of the pilot study show that improvements to a participant's self-confidence, ability to cope with change (resilience), leadership, overall effectiveness and active involvement could be directly attributed to participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and could also be measured. It also found that the Award impacted the learning of the qualities of time efficiency, self-efficacy, social effectiveness, co-operative teamwork, stress management, and, external locus of control can also be attributed to the current set up of the Award, but in a less compelling manner.



## 2017 School Cross Country results

House Points

1st Clutha 449 points

2nd Pisa 340 points

3rd Nevis 306 points

4th Kawarau 240 points

Place getters

Year 7 Girls

1st Faith Courtney 7.15

2nd Natalia Geneblaza

3rd Amy Winter

Year 8 Girls

1st Eve Drinnan 8.24

2nd Sophie Robertson

3rd Aja Tiplady

Year 9 Girls

1st Olivia Geneblaza 9.29

2nd Olivia McKnight

3rd Estelle Anderson

Year 10 Girls

1st Millie Brinsdon 9.45

2nd Jaclyn Hay

3rd Emma Paul

Year 7 Boys

1st Owain Harris 6.58

2nd Hamish Leyser

3rd Troy Pagan

Year 8 Boys

1st Jack Young 7.44

2nd Harry Wing

3rd Matthew King

Year 9 Boys

1st Caleb Abrahams 8.29

2nd Stian Langvik - Owen

3rd Jacob Klemick

Year 10 Boys

1st Nick Rae 8.49

2nd Ryan Jones

3rd Jack King

## OSS Ski/Board Championships

Team results were:

3rd mixed ski team - Lara Zeltner, Kelsey Rackham, Ben Stacey.

2nd male snowboard team - Regan Mooney, Mac Rawcliffe, Sam Ford.

## NETBALL BREAK UP

The College Netball Breakup is on Wednesday 30 August 2017 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the auditorium. Each child is to bring a plate for the afternoon tea. Parent(s) / Caregiver(s) are welcome. Each team will award a most valuable and a most improved player as selected by their coach.

## BLAZER ORDERS

If you wish to order a blazer, please contact Tanya on 027 621 3582 to arrange a fitting time. Orders take around 6 weeks to be completed. The cost is \$245.00 each to be paid at the time of ordering (if there are over 4 ordered at one time). If there are less than 4 there is an additional charge. I currently have 2 people wanting to order at this stage.

Also available, a boy's size 92cm blazer (ready to collect now) - \$245.00. Any further questions, feel free to call/text me.

Thank you, Tanya at Metro Graphix

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SOUTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL  
MOUNTAIN BIKING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Signal Hill, Mt Asgard  
14-15 October 2017





Friday 13 October: Registration 4pm Logan Park  
Saturday 14 October: Downhill \$60  
: Super D \$25  
Sunday 15 October: Cross Country \$40

Online registration and event info: [www.cyclingnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.cyclingnewzealand.co.nz)  
Information: [president@mountainbiking.co.nz](mailto:president@mountainbiking.co.nz)



Presenting...

*An evening with*

**ADRIAN PRITCHARD**

a reformed Burglar and reformed Heroin Addict

**ALEXANDRA MEMORIAL THEATRE**

*Skird Street, Alexandra*

**FRIDAY 25 AUGUST**

**7.30PM**

Hear how to keep our communities safe,  
how a burglar thinks,  
drugs (including methamphetamine)  
and much more.

**ADMISSION FREE**

(a gold coin donation would be appreciated)

## SNOW-SPORTS DAYS



**Rotary International**

Youth Exchange Programme

**WANTED – SECONDARY  
SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GO  
ON EXCHANGE IN 2018**

Rotary Youth Exchange is an official programme of Rotary and we 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.

This year, we have added Taiwan as an exchange partner, giving one student the opportunity to become fluent in Mandarin.

- Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2018.
- Exchange partners for 2018 are: Sweden, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Austria, Chile and Taiwan
- No family Rotary affiliation required.
- Applications close 31 | 20 August 2017

Rotary Youth Exchange offers student training and preparation, a strong student support structure and oversight by a reputable global service organisation. Students attend a local school but stay with several host families for variety and a true cultural experience.

Students benefit from personal growth and development, independence and self confidence while making worldwide friendships and learning a new language. If you want to gain a fresh understanding of yourself and others, have fun and a whole lot of new experiences consider being a Rotary Youth Exchange student for 2018.

If you are ready for a life changing experience and for the rewarding challenge and the unique and life long rewards that come from living in another country as a RYE student, then contact us for more information.

Contact: Gary Williams

Chair Rotary Youth Exchange District 9980 [lower South Island, NZ]

T: 03 484 7160 M: 0274 326 296 E: [gmtwilliams@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gmtwilliams@xtra.co.nz)

*Dyslexia is not due to either lack of intelligence or desire to learn; with appropriate teaching methods, students with dyslexia can learn successfully - (International Dyslexia Association)*



**Learning MATTERS  
presents...**

**DYSLEXIA**

**IN THE CLASSROOM**

**Tuesday 29th August**

**9.30am - 3pm**

**What is DYSLEXIA?**

**Early identification - the WHY and HOW**

**What does EVIDENCE based support look like in a school setting  
PRACTICAL TIPS to add to your classroom TOOLBOX**

*"An excellently run day....so informative & helpful....really appreciated this opportunity to better support learners in the future."*

Presented by Carla McNeil

Cost: \$235+GST includes morning tea and lunch

Venue: T.B.C.

Email: [admin@learningmatters.co.nz](mailto:admin@learningmatters.co.nz)

\*Spaces are limited

Registrations close 22nd August

