



24 November 2017



NEWSLETTER 17

UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 November - 1 December - Y9 Aquatics Camp in Cromwell, Y8 EOTC Camp at Tautuku

28 November - Y7 Clyde Dam / Movie Trip

29 November - Mufti Day

30 November - 1 December - Y10 Duke of Edinburgh Tramps

1 December - Y7 Picnic Day

5 - 7 December - Arts Week

8 December - Junior Prize Giving 7pm Gymnasium

2018 DATES

22 January - School office opens.

25 January - Senior course confirmations.

26 January - Staff only day

Sunday 28 January - Apartments welcome and BBQ

29 January - Staff Only Day

30 January - Year 7 and 13 and Year 12 Apartment students (orientation)

31 January - 8:50am Powhiri welcome at the auditorium - all students.



Junior Tournament Week



Tui Outdoor Activities



Early morning touch rugby practice

Kia ora koutou whanau

“Best I can be” has been confirmed as the college’s vision statement in our new strategic plan and our mission is “Respectful, courageous lifelong learners who pursue excellence”. We are very grateful to our community for the tremendous engagement throughout the consultation process. We have had two well attended public consultation evenings, as well as email input, which has been constructive, thoughtful and insightful. The new plan has been circulated to all parents as well as those at the consultation evenings. It will also be posted on our website. We are now in the process of developing an annual plan for 2018 based on the feedback from staff, students and parents.

Our gifted and talented groups, Rising Tides and Tui, have been developing their outdoor skills mountain biking and rogaining as part of their Wednesday programme this term. Many of the group had a memorable time in Dunedin recently visiting places such as the Otago University, Art Gallery and Museum. Our thanks to teachers Charlotte Rawcliffe and Kim Taylor for an innovative and thought inspiring half day school programme that has challenged and motivated these students.

We have had over forty Year 9 and 10 students having a fabulous time at the Junior Sports Tournament week in Dunedin. They have competed in dodgeball, volleyball and touch over the past three days winning a number of their grades. Not only have they been very successful, they have been an excellent group to take away - responsible, considerate and dedicated. Ka pai! Thank you to Lara Coker and Steve Hodgkinson who have committed to many early morning practice sessions with the students and thank you also Neil Stuart and Megan Anderson for the extra support in Dunedin.

Education Outside the Classroom is the focus for our school next week with Year 8 students off to the iconic Tautuku camp near Owaka in the Catlins, Year 9 are at our Aquatic Centre, sailing, paddle boarding and kayaking and Year 7 have their bike ride and picnic at Lowburn and a trip to Clyde for a movie. Year 10 complete the final part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award with their qualifying tramps in the Matukituki and South Temple Valleys. Almost every student will be out and about somewhere on Friday next week. A huge thank you to our staff and enthusiastic parents for enabling such valuable experiences for our students. These experiences are a core part of the holistic education we are proud to provide here.

We are already planning a number of initiatives for next year. The Home and School and our Board are sharing the costs of bringing parenting expert Yvonne Godrey to Cromwell in March next year. Yvonne is the founder of MIOMO – making it on my own, and has written two books, one on parenting young adults and other a guide for independence and success in life beyond home. She will run sessions with senior students and an evening for parents. We will also have Jake Bailey telling his inspiring story having battled with cancer in 2015 while Head Boy at Christchurch Boys High School. Jake will be sharing his life lessons around self leadership and resilience to our students in February. Our Sticks and Stones group also has a number of initiatives planned for 2018 supporting students with wellbeing, bullying and cybersafety This group is being well supported by Shelley Baird, from Sticks and Stones, and teacher Anna Smyth.

Our junior prize giving is on Friday 8 December starting at 7:00pm in the gymnasium. We are extremely grateful to the Trusts Community Foundation for a \$33,500 grant to purchase carpet tile floor protection for our gymnasium. Friday 8 December is the last school day for students and they will be released at lunchtime before the prize giving later that evening. Supervision will be provided for students needing to remain at school. We are looking forward to sharing the celebration of our students’ achievements in the junior school.

Mason Stretch, Tumuaki

Whaia te taumata - Deserve Success

RISING TIDES/TUI YEAR 9 CAMP



The group of Year 9 students enjoyed a three day trip to Dunedin recently. Highlights were the Otago University Science Departments, Art Gallery, Otago Museum, Toitu Museum, Hatch and Escape. Students also experienced a Japanese meal and walked to Tunnel Beach.



Congratulations to **Emma Morton** and **Lachlann MacTaggart** for gaining Div2 times at the Kiwi Challenge Meet in Dunedin at the weekend.

Emma got 3rd in 100m Breaststroke, 100m IM and 50m Breast Stroke, and 2nd in 200m Breaststroke.

Lachie got 3rd in 100m Freestyle, 50m backstroke, 100m IM. 2nd in 400m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke.

JUNIOR HOUSE LEADERS

NEVIS

Jack King
Daniel Helms
Molly Dennison
Jess Cole

CLUTHA

Tamara Hansen
Kelsey Clark
Jordan Paranihi
Ryan Jones

PISA

Laura Moore
Tia Cullen
Nick Rae
Molly Franklin

KAWARAU

Ma Salu
Shakaya McKinley
Reese Kerr
Blade Adams

OTAGO PRIMARY ATHLETICS



A group of eight students represented Cromwell College at the Otago Primary School Athletics. They were **Jack Young**, **Lachie Gillespie**, **Lucy Reid**, **Danni Buchanan**, **Owain Harris**, **Julian Gerritsen**, **Simone Wilson** and **Natalia Geneblaza**. Natalia Geneblaza finished 2nd in the 75m sprints and Jack Young and Lachie Gillespie were placed 3rd equal in the high jump. The competition was very strong at Otago level and no personal bests were recorded. The students represented Cromwell College well and they had a great day in spite of the challenging weather conditions.

GSA - GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE



Earlier this term we had a group of young adults visit us from InsideOUT, a group dedicated to supporting students within the LGBTQIA+ community. From this we have had a number of students form an alliance to offer ongoing support to this community within Cromwell College. There has been

meetings to look at how we can provide this support and what this might look like for 2018. Our final get together was a shared lunch. We were privileged to share a beautiful Rainbow Cake made by a supportive family.

MUSIC NEWS

This week Year 8 Music students have been performing their own choice of songs. Some have chosen to play songs we learned in class in groups and solo. Mrs Copland said it has been interesting to hear the wide range of styles that students chose; "I was really impressed by Lachie Gilliespie and Austin Clark who played a Hip Hop song by Snoop Dogg , as a duet on the keyboard."



Holden Shaw is creating some musical ideas using the features and functions of the new Roland Juno keyboard.



Lucy Laws performing the riff and chords of "Prayer in C" on the keyboard.



Quinn Roberts playing "Hells Bells" on guitar, Logan Jones adding a beat on the drums.



Thanks from the Music department to Bett Pittaway for the gift of a keyboard. We really appreciate your kind donation.

CANTEEN CLOSED 1 DECEMBER

Please note that the canteen will be closed on Friday 1 December due to Y8 & Y9 Camp, Y7 picnic day and Y10 Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. It will also be open a half day on Thursday 30 November. Please ensure that students attending Cromwell College on Friday 1 December have a packed lunch. Thank you.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION AQUATICS DAY

Last Wednesday all Year 6 students from Cromwell Primary School and Goldfields Primary joined the three Year 7 teachers down at the Aquatics Centre in McNulty Inlet. The stunning spring day consisted of kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding and land based activities. The Year 6 students were supported by ten motivated Year 7 students and their current teachers. They were also fortunate enough to meet Mr Baron who will be teaching in the Year 7 team for 2018. This taster was enough to leave the Year 6 students excited to return for their Year 7 camp early in 2018.



YEAR 7 & 8 FIRST AID TRAINING



First Aid training with St John for hypothermia



Ajia being the patient in a bandaging exercise.



Aria bandaging her patient Bjork



Julian and Kayleb

ARTS 'WEEK' 5, 6, 7 DECEMBER 2017

The last week is Arts Week - the best House Competition this year! Students will participate in dance, drama, music and art on Tuesday and Wednesday, then they will be a part of organising a performance and presenting this with their House on Thursday.

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th students are to wear mufti to school -old and comfortable clothes. On Thursday 7th students are to wear 'House Colour' mufti and dress to the theme.

Please note:

Form time is 8:50am to 9:05am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Lunch break is from 11:45 am to 12:25pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and 12:15 to 1:10pm on Thursday

School finishes at 3:10pm each day.

OTAGO JUNIOR TOURNAMENT WEEK



What a great start to junior tournament week in Dunedin, with the dodgeball competition on Tuesday. We entered 4 teams and although it took a minute to wake up from the 6am start from Cromwell, we came away with 2 of our teams winning their final! (The mixed B grade and Boy's B grade). Fantastic effort. Everyone had a fun day and there were some spectacular dives and dodges on display! Wednesday was volleyball. Whilst Tuesday's dodgeball was fun fun fun, it is volleyball and touch rugby that everyone has been training for. Once again, we showed good skill and teamwork, with the Year 10 boys winning the B grade boys. The Year 9 boy's team were clipping closely at their heels with a 2nd place in B grade boys. The mixed Year 10 team won the mixed B grade, with the Year 10 girls coming second in this category. All teams improved, with the other Year 10 girl's team making their way into the A grade final. Unfortunately they were outplayed but it was a fantastic effort all around. The Year 9 girls also improved over the day. The A grade mixed and B grade mixed touch teams won their tournaments.

Congratulations!



YEAR 7 MURAL

The Mural was the designed and organised by Aimee Coudret from 7L.

Groups of Year 7 students have been working on the base coats and now a team of three are completing the drawings.

The Mural is to go on the outside wall of D5 facing the adventure playground.

A huge thank you to Paul Piebenger from ITM for donating the plywood and Selena Templer from Guthrie Bowron for a deal on the paint.



JUNIOR TOURNAMENT WEEK IN DUNEDIN

