

CRAIGHEAD

DIOCESAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

for students & families



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Principal's Message: *Shara tāke toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini - My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective*

Tena koutou katoa e te whānau o Craighead



Boarding House Survey - Thank you to those parents who responded to our Boarding House Survey before Easter. We appreciated the constructive feedback and suggestions, as we can always do better! The survey will be repeated annually so that we can detect any patterns or trends which may need addressing. As a direct result of feedback, we are ensuring that there will be hot breakfast options every day from Term Two. For evening meals, there will be more protein options and less processed meals. Now that the borders are open with Australia, we are working on sourcing Australian Gap students who will be able to assist with after-school activities and prep in the Boarding House. In the meantime, if you do have any concerns, please contact either myself, email my PA, Mrs Gillian Owens (owensgi@craighead.school.nz) to forward your concerns to the Boarding Committee, or email the Director of Boarding, Mrs Tracy Dockrill (boarding@craighead.school.nz).

Craighead Connect (formerly Parents and Friends) - Mrs Marion Rolleston concludes her time as Chair after four years, as does Mrs Tracy McLeod, their very efficient Secretary. We are extremely grateful for the time and effort that goes into running Craighead Connect, and for the huge service to the school by those in office bearer positions. There is a change of focus in that there is less emphasis on fundraising and more emphasis on connecting with the wider school community – such as running the Grandparents' Afternoon tea and supporting all our Parent Information evenings. In saying that, Craighead Connect do assist with the purchase of items which are of benefit to the whole school community – such as the provision of picnic tables, lockers, bike racks, funding of the Auditorium data projector and support for the Year 12 "Project Me" Leadership opportunity, for which the school is very grateful. The AGM on Tuesday saw a change in Committee roles. We welcome Mrs Sarah Pierce (mother of Harriet Year 7 and Maggie Year 8) to the role as Chair, with Mrs Amanda Spillane (mother of Lily Year 7 and Zoe Year 10) as Vice-Chair. Mrs Caroline Ovenstone has agreed to stay on as Treasurer, although Craighead Connect has yet to confirm a new Secretary for this position.



L-R: Mrs Amanda Spillane, Mrs Sarah Pierce, Mrs Marion Rolleston and Mrs Tracy McLeod.

SISS Athletics - Twenty two athletes represented Craighead at the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics competition held in Christchurch last weekend. There were some very exciting performances and some outstanding results. Our Athletics coaches, Gaela Kilgour and Craig Motley, supported by Assistant Principal Andrew Jones, have worked very hard to build a culture of support and encouragement for all athletes, which was evident in our squad over the two days of competition. We are very grateful for their considerable expertise and tireless efforts in enabling our students to aspire to personal excellence in the sporting arena. Results are available in the Sports section (page 4) of this newsletter .

Staffing and Timetable changes from Term Two – Careers Advisor Mrs Vicky Campbell has decided to retire from teaching. She leaves us at the end of Term One to pursue her passion of completing a Diploma in Landscape Design. Initially coming to Craighead in 2011 for a 'temporary' position teaching a Year 8 class, Mrs Campbell has covered a range of roles, most recently that of our Careers Advisor. As well as teaching Career Education at most Year levels, Mrs Campbell has worked very closely with our Senior Students as they look to transition beyond Secondary School. She has supported and guided them to make good choices about their futures, continuing to follow their progress with great interest well beyond school. Mrs Campbell has set up superb systems for accessing Careers related information and for ensuring our students are aware of the range of options open to them. She has developed excellent networks in both the local area and around the country. Having been instrumental in setting up the Craighead Kapa haka, another legacy she will leave is that all students will have a working knowledge of Tikanga and Te Reo upon leaving Craighead - essential cultural capabilities for wherever they end up studying or working in the future, as New Zealand citizens. We appreciate all that she has done and achieved over the past 10 years. We warmly welcome Mrs Claire Spiers to the Careers Advisor position. Mrs Spiers is well known to our school community, having both taught and relieved in our Health and Physical Education Department previously. She will also take over the Year 12 Dean role, covering for Mrs Reeve until she returns from maternity leave. Another staffing change is that Mathematics and Statistics teacher Mrs Tamzin Reeve will take maternity leave from Monday 24 May.

Important Information: Having advertised for a teacher of Mathematics, we can confirm that there is a nationwide teacher shortage in this curriculum area. After considering multiple permutations, we feel that it is best to use existing staffing to cover the Mathematics classes internally. We believe that this is the best option



L-R: Kapa haka tutor Mr Karl Te Raki, Mr Adrian Campbell and Mrs Vicky Campbell, and Mrs Sonia Ottley.

for our students as we do have highly capable, New Zealand trained and qualified teachers who are currently teaching in other Departments at Craighead. Any timetable change such as this will impact on the core subjects, rather than the options. These will come into effect at the beginning of Term Two, to minimise disruption to teaching and learning programmes. Please support us and be assured that we are endeavouring to provide the best solution to a challenging staffing situation.

School Holidays - It has been a long term, but mostly free of COVID related disruptions. We are very pleased with how our new students have settled in and their respect of our school culture and values. Head Students Charlotte Mulder and Rosie Paul will be part of the ANZAC Civic Service in Timaru this year, based at Caroline Bay beginning at 9.40am. As part of the Service, they have the honour of reading "In Flanders Fields" and "The Ode".

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3 May.

God Bless, E te atua manaaki - Lindy Graham



STUDENT LEADERS 2021

Meet...

Deputy

Arts
Leader

Zoe Walker

I have spent the last four years at Craighead, and I will never get tired of this school. Compared to my first few days here in Year 9, I know this place like the back of my hand.

From the beginning, Craighead has provided me with Language studies and the Arts, giving me the opportunity to learn German from Year 9 upwards and Music from Year 10. The Chorale and Choir were especially important to me in Year 9, as I was previously unaware of the wonders of the stage and music. I will always have Mrs McLeod and Miss Hall to thank for running the Chorale - it has changed my life at Craighead. If there are two places at Craighead I can confidently call home, the Art room and the Music room easily fill those roles. As the Deputy Arts Leader, it is my job to be active in the artistic and musical departments, but it never feels like a job since the environment and vibes are always conducive to creativity.

FROM OUR BOARDING HOUSE...



Mrs Tracy Dockrill - Director of Boarding

End of Term Arrangements:

The Boarding House will close for Term 1 tomorrow, Friday 16 April at 5pm and reopen on 2 May at 2pm. All boarders must return by 4pm and be in for Dinner. A light afternoon tea will be offered to parents at 4pm in the Auditorium. This is an opportunity to meet the Boarding Staff and other Boarding parents.

We wish our boarding families a blessed and restful holiday break and we look forward to catching up with you all again in Term 2.



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For any queries about Boarding House life, please contact me at dockrilltr@craighead.school.nz or phone 03 684 2251.

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...



Reverend Lucy Flatt

How do we switch off? We are bombarded by information - one newspaper has more information in it than someone living in the 17th Century received in their whole lifetime! The moment we hear of the latest show, technology or app, we already feel behind. So how do we rest in a hurried world? There is a beautiful concept that Jesus often took and it's called margins. Margin in the space between our limit and our load. That sweet spot of taking 5mins to walk rather than hurry, that coffee without distraction or that sports practice for enjoyment. Including margin in our lives encourages us to stay healthy, content and close to Jesus. It gives us a strong sense of wellbeing and presence for others. So, how will we rest these holidays? What margins can we build into our daily lives?

Grace and Peace, Rev Lucy

Upcoming events

- DaVine Youth Group - Wednesdays at 6.30pm, from 12 May
St John's Church, 125 Wai-iti Road, Timaru
- Chapel Services - Open Day, Sunday 23 May
St Anthony, Sunday 13 June

GENERAL NOTICES...

Uniform

Blazers, Skirts and Kilts -

A reminder to please have blazers dry-cleaned over the holiday period and check for any repairs that may be needed.

Please also check that the length of your daughter's skirt and kilt both measure 30-33cm off the floor with school shoes on. If your daughter's skirt and/or kilt is too short then please make sure that these are lengthened in the coming weeks, ready for Term 2. Until Queen's Birthday weekend, students may wear either full summer uniform or full winter uniform - these items are not to be mixed and matched. After Queen's Birthday weekend full winter uniform is to be worn, and kilts must be at the required length. Whānau teachers are checking skirt lengths and we will be in touch if any alterations are required. **If you are needing alterations done, please contact seamstress Donna Adams on 027 262 2333.**

THE UNIFORM SHOP is open every Friday from 3.30-4.30pm during term time. For online orders through the School website Uniform page, payment is required prior to collection and can be made through internet banking into the School account: **01 - 0886 - 0011218 - 00**

Please note: Particulars - Uniform Reference - Students name

For urgent queries or to arrange an appointment, please contact Mrs Tracy McLeod, Shop Manager - uniform@craighead.school.nz.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Craighead Old Girls' Secondhand Uniform Shop will open tomorrow, Friday 16 April, 3.30-4.30pm

Upcoming Dates for your Diary...

April

Fri 16 Ladies' Lunch, 12.30pm
School Cross Country, 1.30pm, Westend Park
END OF TERM ONE

May

Mon 3 START OF TERM TWO
Wed-Fri 5-7 Y13 Geography trip to Queenstown



Congratulations to the winners of the Year 7 Camp Raffle:

Levonne Green
Isabelle Bromham
Helen Rawlings



<https://www.thrivingtogether.co.nz/key-issues/aorangi-park>

The Timaru District Council is looking to improve the facilities at Aorangi Park, a venue used extensively by Craighead for both summer and winter sports codes. The Council would appreciate feedback on their proposed redevelopment and urges all stakeholders to have their say.

Kings Shoe Store... Temuka and Geraldine



91 King Street, Temuka and 32 Talbot Street, Geraldine

Both shops stock a gorgeous range of boots, shoes, sandals, McKinlay school shoes, slippers etc for the whole family.

Online shop available for nationwide delivery.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates, events that we host (such as Ladies Nights) and constant new arrivals!

Facebook - Kingsontalbot and tka2012

Instagram - kingsontalbot and kingsshoestore



SCHOOL NEWS...

Race Unity Speech Awards...

On Tuesday, Nora Quigley (2nd from left) and Heather Miller (2nd from right) took part in the Race Unity Speech Awards regional heats for the Central South Island district. Heather, who performed her speech entirely in Te Reo Māori was runner up. Nora, performed her speech titled "Moi an óige" and won overall. She will go on to represent the Central South Island region at the Race Unity Speech Award National Semi-finals held in Auckland at the start of May.



French Trip to Akaroa...

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 French students had a wonderful sunny day in Akaroa last Friday. We enjoyed a guided walk, a visit to the museum and lunch in a French café! There was so much interesting information to absorb and a few little challenges to complete throughout the day! The students were able to put their language skills to the test as the teachers spoke to them in French and some of them also spoke French to each other too! It was certainly worth the trip.



Drama...

As reported in last week's newsletter, Craighead's Senior Drama entry in Otago University's Sheilah Winn regional competition, with a scene from Macbeth, won the five minute Student Directed category.

Cast members were Charlotte Mulder as Macbeth, Phoebe Rolleston as Lady Macbeth and Director, Lucy-Mae Taylor, Ashlee Walker and Zoe Walker as Witches. The two crew members were Emma Miron and Phoebe Evans-Hoeffgen.



Congratulations to Phoebe Rolleston who won the inaugural Elizabeth Grubb Trophy for Outstanding Performance. The scene also won two other awards including Best Costume. Phoebe Evans-Hoeffgen won Best Delivery of the Text for her role as Petruccio in The Taming of the Shrew.

The cast and crew will now perform at the National Sheilah Winn Festival in Wellington from 3-7 June.

Mrs Gillian Towle - Head of Drama



Music Workshop...

On Monday, the school band 'Tomorrow Afternoon' and the Year 11 Music class enjoyed a fantastic Music Mentoring workshop with Matthew Barus from Christchurch. We learnt how to brainstorm and write purposeful lyrics. Matthew also assisted us to create a 'catchy hook' that set off a perfect backing to the lyrics.

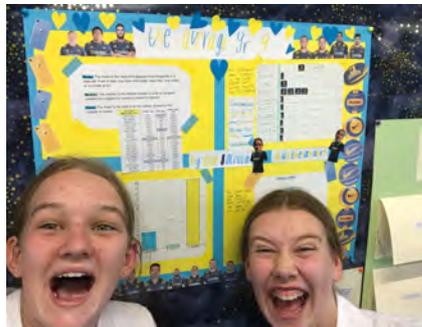
Although the Year 11 Music class had limited time with Matthew, the session was invaluable and really helped us to understand more about composing a marvelous and meaningful song about our interests. Thank you to the NZ Music Commission for providing an excellent workshop for the Craighead Music Department. **Year 11 Music**



Mathematics...

Year 9 students have been studying Statistics this term and finding out "What makes up the average Year 9 student at Craighead?". They have been learning how to investigate a question, collect data, draw different types of graphs, make conclusions and think critically about data given to us. Their project was to produce a poster showing what they had investigated and then presented it to their class this week.

Mrs Tamzin Reeve - Mathematics



Isla Crawford (left) and Olivia Huddleston sent their poster to the Highlanders to show their support!



FROM OUR SPORTS DEPARTMENT....

Mrs Kayla Cunningham
Director of Sport



Athletics...

A team of 22 Craighead students competed at the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships (SISS) at Nga Puna Wai track in Christchurch last weekend. For some, it was their first Athletics meet and when mixed with more seasoned campaigners, a real togetherness and team atmosphere has resulted, contributing to what is believed to be Craighead's best ever results at SISS, the team coming away with fourteen medals and numerous top eight results.

Jessica Vogel - 1st Girls' 19 400m and 200m, 2nd 300m Hurdles
Madeline Thomas - 2nd Open Girls' 2000m Walk, 3rd G15 Triple Jump, 6th G15 80m Hurdles
Nora Quigley - 2nd G16 Hammer Throw, 3rd Discus, 7th Shot Put
Charlotte Blake - 3rd G14 Discus, 7th High Jump, 8th Shot Put
Niamh Motley - 2nd U16 300m Hurdles, 4th Open 2000m Steeplechase, 7th G16 1500m
Orla Motley - 3rd G14 Javelin, 6th 80m Hurdles, 6th Discus
Kate Ritchie - 3rd Open Girls 2000m Walk
Amanda Shallard - 2nd G19 800m

Top eight results were achieved by Sam Giddings (8th G15 800m), Camryn Porter (5th G15 High Jump), Pippa Raymond (6th G15 Shot Put), Marissa Shannon (7th G15 3000m), Eve Turnbull (5th G16 High Jump) and Ava Young (7th G19 400m).

Craighead's team spirit was exemplified with relay teams qualifying in all six possible categories and all teams placed in the top eight. Extra practice with relay coach Gaela Kilgour paid off for the 4 x 100m teams who all improved their times from the Aoraki championships by at least a second.

Georgia Smith, Charlotte Blake, Mia Donaldson and Sophie Bock - 5th G14 4 x 100m
Sam Giddings, Madeline Thomas, Zoe Gordon and Lydia Giles - 4th G15 4 x 100m
Nora Quigley, Niamh Motley, Katie Baxter and Eve Turnbull - 8th G16 4 x 100m
Lucy MacDonald, Jessica Vogel, Amanda Shallard and Ava Young - 2nd Senior Girls 4 x 100m
Mia Donaldson, Madeline Thomas, Sam Giddings and Isabelle Harrison - 4th Under 16 4 x 400m relays
Ava Young, Amanda Shallard, Niamh Motley and Jessica Vogel - 2nd Under 19 4 x 400m

Whilst winter sports now take precedence, with such talent at the school planning is underway for the NZ Secondary School Championships at Inglewood, Taranaki from the 3-5 December. This is an open event and expressions of interest must be shown through an email to Mr Andrew Jones by Friday 23 April - jonesan@craighead.school.nz.



Otago Law Function - Y12-13 students
6 May, 1-3pm, Roncall College

This is a really useful taster experience for students who are considering studying Law at university. Girls interested in attending need to email the Careers Office by Monday 12 April, please. Parents are welcome to attend.

Christchurch Careers Expo - 13-15 May, Christchurch Arena

Thursday 13 May (Teacher-Only day) and Saturday 15 May are opportunities for girls and their families to check out some career options at the Christchurch Careers Expo. Here is a link to the exhibitors' page:

[-https://www.careersexpo.org.nz/expo/christchurch/](https://www.careersexpo.org.nz/expo/christchurch/)



The exhibition is open on:

Thursday 13 May - 9am-3pm, Friday 14 May - 9am-3pm, Saturday 15 May - 10am-3pm

South Canterbury no longer hosts a Career Expo - it has been replaced by the SC Year 11 Pathways Expo which our Year 11 students will be attending on 20 May 2021.

Dunedin Tertiary Open Days - 23-24 May

Tertiary Open Day is an opportunity to visit Dunedin, check out the University, explore Otago Polytech and to discover what life is like as a student in Dunedin. Information and permission forms have been emailed to parents/caregivers and students. Please ensure forms are returned by Thursday 8 April so that arrangements can be finalised before the holidays.

Love Your Career From The Start - by Caroline Sandford

This practical book for 15–25-year-olds introduces the four key stages involved in making good decisions for your career. Based on solid research and proven theory, this book will help give young people the clarity and confidence they need when deciding on their career and future world of work.

- How do you figure out what sort of work is right for you?
- Do you choose university, find a trade, or get a job?
- What subjects do you study to make sure you then find work?
- What if you choose a course or job you don't like?
- What if you decide on a line of work that doesn't exist in five years' time?

This book is available to borrow from the Careers Office. Please email campbellvi@craighead.school.nz. **Vicky Campbell - Careers Advisor**

Equestrian...

Two Craighead Equestrian teams had a fantastic day at the South Canterbury Pony Club's revitalized Sandalwood Trophy Interschools' Dressage and Show Jumping competition at Waimate yesterday.

Craighead had individual placegetters in both Dressage and Showjumping disciplines and the Craighead Blue team of Cate Lightbourne, Lydia Hanrahan, Greta Dale, Sophie Martin and Eve Andrews were placed second overall behind Mackenzie College, Fairlie. Our Green team riders were Maggie Moore, Greta Murray, Annabelle Murray, Zoe Dupont and Sophie Smith.

Thank you to the girls and parents for the positive, supportive and successful day.

