



30 June 2017



# NEWSLETTER 9

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3 July** - NZ Film Festival Year 9
- 7 July** - Last day of Term Two
- 24 July** - First day of Term Three
- 1 August** - Otago Polytechnic Visit
- 1 - 4 August** - Academic Mentoring (to be confirmed)
- 2 August** - Attitude Presentations
- 4 August** - College Cross Country
- 9 August** - School Photos
- 4 - 8 September** - Sports Tournament Week

Kia ora koutou whānau

“People do not become extraordinary, they decide to accomplish extraordinary things” - Sir Edmund Hillary. This year we have almost 90 students from Year 10 to Year 13 emulating Sir Edmund’s words through their involvement in the Bronze, Silver or Gold levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. We have ten Year 13 students looking to complete their prestigious Gold Awards this year and over twenty aiming to complete their Silver. As part of Cromwell’s celebration for National Volunteers Week, several of the Gold students produced and shared a video at St John’s outlining their wide ranging community service contributions. Trust Power Community Spirit Awardee Courtney Anderson also gave an insightful presentation of her impressive service to others over many years. A group of Silver Award students had an enjoyable weekend tramping through a big frost to the Routeburn Falls area for their practice expedition and were fabulous company. The Award is all about excellence and building character and I am very proud of our students’ commitment to ‘accomplishing extraordinary things’.

Rock band ‘The Usual Strangers’ perform their two original songs for the regional final of the SmokeFreeRockQuest on Saturday evening in Queenstown. The band have been practising for many hours and we wish them all the best as they compete against schools from around Central Otago. Ka pai also to Jack Brogan, guitar, and Kleff Tan, bagpipes, on their accomplished performances at our recent Cultural Assembly.

‘A Night with the Gods’ was a night to remember for senior students and staff attending our senior formal recently. The evening started with the highly anticipated arrivals, in all manner of vehicles, and our students looked stunning. A highlight for me is always the tremendous support from our community welcoming students to the venue. Thank you. The Moorings team did a fabulous job supporting the formal committee to make the night a great success. We are very proud of our students for making the night memorable and enjoyable. Ka mau te wehi!

We have been promoting our Kawa value of Respect through assemblies recently. The prefects produced a short video on walking respectfully on our walkways and respecting our environment by picking up rubbish around school. I have spoken on two further areas of Respect that we all need to be mindful of - the words we use and how we treat others. I linked these to our learning of the waiata Tutira Mai Ngā Iwi. The waiata was written by Wi Huata, chaplain for the 28th Maori Battalion during World War 2. There is line in the song “Whaia te māramatanga me te aroha” which means to pursue knowledge and love. The word aroha means so much more in Maori than the European interpretation of love, as it includes the values of kindness, generosity, respect and care. I have reminded students to show aroha with how they talk to one another. I believe that hurtful and rude language can lead to poor decisions and unkind actions and such language lowers the tone of our place. The result is staff and students feeling less safe. I have challenged students to think carefully about the words they are using in and out of class. Kind words, such as manners, lead to kind actions and a safer friendlier school.

How we treat one another must also be based on aroha and a good example is our Board’s recent support for girls wearing trousers and other elements of the boys’ uniform. It is a decision many schools have now taken and I know we will see more girls taking up this option in the future and their choice needs to be respected. Respecting difference and diversity in our school is at the core of our Kawa and what is widely known as ‘The Golden Rule’

Kia ngākau mahaki tētahi ki tētahi – Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Thank you to parents who made the most our parent teacher interviews last week. The opportunity for a joint approach to each student’s progress and achievement is valued. Next Wednesday evening at 5:30pm we are holding our first Whānau Hui of the year and we look forward to korero around supporting success for our Maori and Pasifika rangatahi. Thank you to families who have already responded with feedback on our Board’s new strategic plan and vision and I encourage all whānau to provide the Board with their ideas and suggestions.

Mason Stretch  
Principal



National Volunteers Week



Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award - Silver Tramp to Routeburn Falls



School Formal - ‘A Night with the Gods’



Y11 Creative Writing

## SCHOOL FORMAL



## WAIMATE SPORTS EXCHANGE

A large number of our students were involved in our annual sports exchange with Waimate High School. 76 Year 7-10 students travel to Waimate to compete in rugby, football, netball, and basketball. They were billeted out which was a new experience for some of them but a great time was had by all. The 44 seniors involved here in Cromwell welcomed the Waimate seniors with a waiata and then competed in rugby, netball and basketball. A particular stand out was the Haka before the rugby game - this was awe-inspiring, and amazing to see this display of passion and pride. Out of the total of 17 games over the whole exchange, Cromwell College won 14 of them, with some incredibly dominating performances on display. Thanks to our community of helpers and refs/coaches who help make it all run smoothly. Another highlight was coming together on Thursday night for fun dodgeball. Well done Cromwell College students for upholding our school Kawa.



Megan Anderson  
Sports Co-ordinator

## CROMWELL COLLEGE WHĀNAU RŌPŪ HUI

We invite Pasifika and Maori whanau to attend a Whānau Rōpū hui in the College Library on Wednesday 5 July from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Your tamariki and rangatahi are also very welcome.

The hui is an opportunity to share information on achievement and progress of Maori and Pasifika students, discuss our shared goals for Pasifika and Maori students and how we can work together to achieve these goals.

Some of our Kapahaka group will perform some of the waiata we are practising for PolyFest next term. We will start with karakia and finish with a light supper.

I look forward to our korero together. E noho ora mai rā.

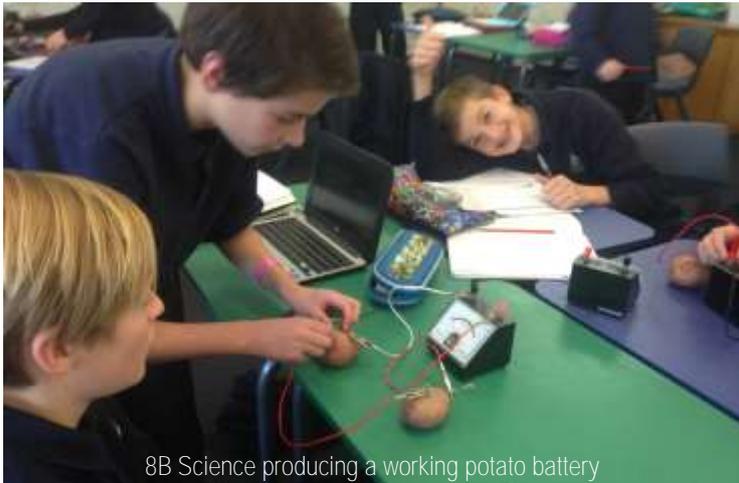
Mason Stretch - Tumuaki

## CAREERS CORNER

What happened to work?

When young people understand how the New Zealand economy is changing, they can make better study and career choices for the future. In this video from 'The Spinoff New Zealand', economist Shamubeel Eaqub takes a critical look at the issues and challenges facing the New Zealand economy and explains how and why jobs are changing.

You can read more about the future of work on the website [www.thespinoff.co.nz/economy/18-11-2016/hey-shamubeel-3-what-happened-to-work](http://www.thespinoff.co.nz/economy/18-11-2016/hey-shamubeel-3-what-happened-to-work)



8B Science producing a working potato battery

## MUSIC NEWS

Xfactor Australia finalists The Brentwood Duo spoke to Year 10 and above Music students last week about the reality of having a musical career. Isla and Finn Brentwood, originally from Arrowtown, spoke about being brought up in a Musical household. Isla trained as a musician and travelled, performing in many stage shows around Australia and New Zealand. Finlay had a 9-5 job in Auckland but was called upon to play with his sister at a gig when her usual guitarist let her down. Both now are full time musicians and are booked months in advance. Brentwood were in NZ for the Queenstown Winter Festival. Students asked many questions and were greatly encouraged by what they had to say. The duo played two pieces, one an original, and spoke about the dedication needed to be successful as a musician.



Thom Copland-Malone performs on the Djembe drum at the African drumming workshop held recently. Watch out for more classes in Cromwell coming soon. (Junior classes get to play our school Djembes in their music modules). Mrs Hayes, Mrs Copland and other students also attended.

## COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

*Individual competitive results:*

### Year 7 & 8 Girls

1st - Emma Morton  
2nd - Kate Spriggs  
3rd - Shayla Tamakeku

### Year 7 & 8 Boys

1st - Owain Harris  
2nd - Rota Lafita  
3rd - Lachlann MacTaggart

### Year 9 & 10 Girls

1st - Gaby Harman  
2nd - Kelsey Clark  
3rd - Tamara Hansen

### Year 9 & 10 Boys

1st - Jack King  
2nd - Finn Farquarson  
3rd - Ryan Jones

### Senior Girls

1st - Cait MacTaggart  
2nd - Tia Clark  
3rd - Tegan Buchanan

### Senior Boys

1st - Enzo Shaw  
2nd - Caleb Ferguson  
3rd - Joe Harrison



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Feedback on Strategic Plan Review

The Board of Trustees is currently undertaking a review of our Strategic Plan which will help in our planning for the expected student roll growth over the next few years. School families were sent a copy of our draft plan last week and we are now seeking your feedback so we can take your ideas into consideration too. Our current vision for the school is "to be the best rural secondary school in New Zealand" and we feel it is timely to refresh this, so we want to hear what you think our new vision could be? Please tell us your thoughts on how we can make our school better for our students.

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Business Sponsors' Breakfast

Wednesday, 2 August, at The Gate

We gratefully acknowledge the financial and in-kind support of our business sponsors who enable us to provide additional resources for our students. We invite our sponsors to a special Business Breakfast meeting at The Gate on Wednesday, August 2nd at 7.30am. We will give a brief presentation about the difference your support makes to our school. There will also be the opportunity to meet other business owners and staff who share a common interest in our business community. RSVP to school office. Further information to follow, but please mark the date in your diary.

Greg Wilkinson - Board chair

## JUNIOR ICE SKATING / SWIMMING



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join us for  
**A Night of Hope**  
 Hear Charles Kabena, a former sponsored child from Malawi, recount his inspiring story of hardship, courage and hope alongside live music by award-winning artist Levi McGrath.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**

Church Untamed, Cromwell College Auditorium, Barry Ave, Cromwell

Find out more [worldvision.org.nz/nightofhope](http://worldvision.org.nz/nightofhope)

## School Bus Driver – Cromwell. Permanent Part Time

If you're looking for a great role which doesn't take up your whole day and earns you extra income, whilst being part of a great team, then contact us for a chat.



For the right person we are happy to help with training as a driver - and make sure you'll be fully qualified before we expect you to go on the runs. You need to be a permanent resident. We are a Health & Safety conscious employer, our process includes a drug and alcohol test and Ministry of Justice check. Apply now, or contact us for more

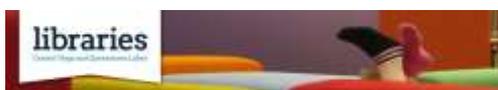
details:

[central@gobus.co.nz](mailto:central@gobus.co.nz) or phone Jacque on 021 539 198.

## Would parents like to get active too?

Come along to a Kate Ivey Fitness Introductory Health and Fitness Session Bring a mat and a drink bottle. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am. Cromwell College Gym. Free of Charge. Women Only

Check out [www.kateiveyfitness.co.nz](http://www.kateiveyfitness.co.nz) and [www.facebook.com/kateiveyfitness](https://www.facebook.com/kateiveyfitness)



Luck be to any who venture down to Central Otago District Libraries these school holidays. Seek your fortune and delve into exploration with Central Otago District Libraries' "Gold Fever". Explorers should get ready to follow the paths once journeyed by the Otago gold miners in the 1860s in the 'Gold Fever' Board Game. Test your luck and fortune with 'Otago Gold Rush Bingo'. Get creative and craft some colourful Rainbow Twirlers, and even construct your own Marble Drop Mineshaft.

Spots are limited, so book today! Contact your local library to find out more.

<http://libraries.codc-qldc.govt.nz/>

Date	Time	Li-brary	Activity
Mon 10 July	11 – 12pm	Crom-well	'Gold Fever' Board Game
Wed 12 July	11 – 12pm	Crom-well	Rainbow Twirlers
Mon 17 July	11 – 12pm	Crom-well	Marble Drop Mine Shaft – Part 1
Wed 19 July	11 – 12pm	Crom-well	Marble Drop Mine Shaft – Part 2

This winter...



## July Holiday Camps! Board Games

Dress to the theme and dive in... to the world of BOARD GAMES brought to life at Camp Columbia!

### Camp 1

When: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
 Who: Ages 5-9 years  
 Price: Early Bird - \$90 Regular - \$105

\*To receive Early Bird price, FULL payment and registration must arrive on or before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. \*Fees include all food, activities, accommodation, adventures, supervision, a camp DVD - everything. Arrivals/Sign-in starts 10am Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Parents/families are invited to the closing ceremony at 10.30am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July followed by a shared BBQ lunch (gold coin donation), otherwise final pick-up is at 12.30pm.

### Camp 2

When: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
 Who: Ages 10-13 years  
 Price: Early Bird - \$90 Regular - \$105

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Contact Camp Columbia for more info & go to our website for registration:  
 Website: [www.campcolumbia.org.nz](http://www.campcolumbia.org.nz)  
 Phone: 03 2053702 - Camps Coordinator: Stephanie Beck  
 Email: [hollywomen@campcolumbia.org.nz](mailto:hollywomen@campcolumbia.org.nz)

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Drivotech are running a Defensive Driving Course at our Cromwell branch. The course is over four nights starting at 4pm and finishing at 6pm with a practical drive to be done after the 4<sup>th</sup> session is finished. The dates are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> July.

To book in contact 0508237483.

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