

RONCALLI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
'TO SEEK TRUTH AND PEACE'
KIMIHI A TE PONO ME TE RANGIMARIE

2 February 2012

Issue 1, Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We were very pleased to welcome the students back to school this week for the 2012 school year. The school was a very busy place during the holiday period as we scrambled to complete projects before the start of the school year. I am very excited about the new developments and have provided an outline on page 4 of the newsletter.

OUR HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2012:

Pictured Left to Right: Genevieve Cockburn (Deputy Head Girl), Erin Broughton (Head Girl), Josef Jacob (Head Boy), Daniel Dorgan (Deputy Head Boy).



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2012:

Pictured Left to Right: Ms Jane Hill (Deputy Principal), Mrs Karin Cockroft (Academic Advisor), Mr Andrew Jones (Deputy Principal), Mrs Robyn Brien (Curriculum Leader, Music and Arts), Mr Chris Comeau (Principal), Ms Adele Churchman (Director of Religious Education and Curriculum Leader, Religious Education).

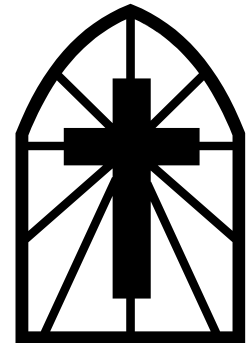


GROUNDS STAFF: Mr Les Cosgrove (Property Manager), and Mr Alan Sandilands (Groundsman) – have been doing a great job of keeping our grounds and buildings in good order over the summer break.

Term Calendar

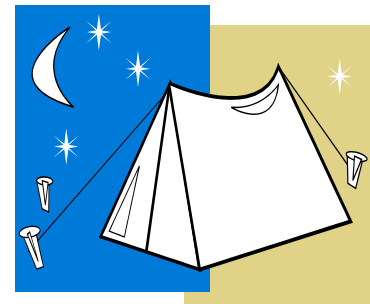
February

3	Teacher Only Day
6	Waitangi Day – Public Holiday
7-9	Year 13 Retreat - Raincliff
7	Year 12 OED Sea Kayak Day
9	School Mass for Term 1- Sacred Heart Basilica, 10.10am – all welcome
10	School Swimming Sports – Maori Park Pool
13,14,17	Year 12 GTW – First Aid Course
15	St Kevins Cricket
16	Academic Assembly – School Hall, 10.05am.
21	Year 9 Welcome Barbeque – Parents and Students, 6pm
22	Ash Wednesday
24	School Athletics Day – Aorangi Park
27-29	Year 12 GTW – Workplace Safety



March

2	Caritas Leadership Day
7	Mayoral Welcome – International students
9-11	Year 13 Leadership Camp
12-16	Year 10 Camp 1 – Boyle River
13-16	Year 13 GEO Trip – Mt Cook
16	Year 12 FDN – Food Safety Course at Polytech
19-23	Year 10 Camp 2 – Boyle River
19	Year 12 FDN – Food Safety Course at School
20	Aoraki Swimming Sports
21	Aoraki Athletics
23-25	Bishop Lyons Trophy
26-30	Summer Tournament Week
30-4 April	Year 12 OED Sea Kayaking Trip



April

2-4	Year 12 PED Mountainbiking Trip
5	Holy Thursday – End of Term 1.

Important Information

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Term One accounts will be posted shortly. The Board of Trustees expects that accounts will be paid promptly. Regular automatic payments are encouraged. Books and curriculum materials are to be paid for on issue, and sporting and outdoor events must be paid prior to the student participating in these activities. If debts are incurred, the Board reserves the right to pass the debt onto a debt collector, and all collection costs or late payment fees will be added to the debt.

CHANGE OF START TIME ON WEDNESDAYS:

We have decided to develop a regular time for staff Professional Development – on Wednesday mornings from 8am to 8.55am. This means that school will start at 9.00am on a Wednesday this year, and that there will be no assembly on this day.

TERM ONE COLLEGE MASS:

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 9 February at the Sacred Heart Basilica at 10.10am. A warm welcome is extended to parents, caregivers and the wider community to join the school for this welcoming celebration. Please be seated early.

YEAR 9 WELCOME BARBEQUE:

This is an annual event to welcome Year 9 students and their parents into the College Community. It is a good chance to meet other parents, new friends of your teenager, and teachers in the School in a social setting. This will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 21 February. Please note change of advertised date. See you there!



PTA MEETING:

First meeting for the 2012 year is on Tuesday 7 Feb at 7pm in the Library. A warm welcome is extended to all parents and caregivers. Any enquiries can be directed to Bridget Duff 686 2652 or Geoff Fuller 684 5962.

RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2012

14 February 2012	Under 14.5's & Girls	Lunch time in the Gym
16 February 2012	Under 16's, Under 18's & Press Cup Team	Lunch time in the Gym

Hadlow to Harbour – 11 March 2012 – Rugby Fundraiser - Once again we would like all players to be involved in this fundraiser. 70% of funds raised will go to Roncalli College Rugby and 30% to the Rotary Club. Last year we raised \$730.00 for Roncalli and \$313.00 for Rotary – this money will be used for all teams to purchase gear eg: practice balls, game balls, strapping etc. Mr Comeau will also be running again this year with the players. More information and sponsorship forms will be given out at Rugby Registrations.



INTRODUCTION FROM ANDREW JONES, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Roncalli College is a unique school with a large amount of prestige in the educational community. Its sportspeople and cultural groups gain notoriety on both the regional and national stages and the academic results rival those of the 'more desirable' schools across the country. It is often said that Roncalli students frequently punch above their weight and for me, this determination and pride is what makes me excited about the opportunity of becoming part of the Roncalli College community.

I am originally from Christchurch and travelled away to Otago University to complete degrees in Marketing and Drama. After spending time overseas playing rugby and experimenting with many different career options, I came to the conclusion that my first instinct to become a teacher was the right one. I retrained at Christchurch College of Education, specialising in English and Drama and embarked on my teaching career at inner London comprehensive schools, and back in New Zealand, St Andrew's College, Ellesmere College and most recently, Darfield High School.

My wife has an insight into Timaru having attended Craighead, living in the boarding house away from the farm in Geraldine. We both agree that it is a wonderful place to raise our boys, Archie (aged 5) and Freddy (aged 2) and are looking forward to immersing ourselves in the local community.



The first two weeks of school has totally substantiated all my expectations: a totally committed, welcoming and flexible staff; enthusiastic, good natured and respectful students; a totally committed and supported Board and parent body.

I look forward to meeting you when the occasion arises.

Andrew Jones
Deputy Principal

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRINCIPAL:

1. We were able to send over 30 Year 13 students on leadership courses during the holiday period. One group went to Marist Youth Leader in Feilding, another went to Marist Youth Leader in Gore and another attended an adventure camp run jointly by Roncalli College and Horizons LTD. Our students were outstanding and are keen to lead the school this year.
2. With the support of the Roncalli Development Trust, we have developed a new classroom in the Chanel Block. It was formerly used as a Caretakers Room and an Outdoor Education Gear Shed. The classroom is quite impressive and will alleviate pressure on our library and other learning spaces. I would like to thank the Development Trust and remind you that your voluntary contribution to the Parent Partnership Fund has enabled us to undertake this project.
3. The Outdoor Education Gear Shed has been shifted into the former garage. A mezzanine floor has been constructed to provide additional storage space. This is a far better space for our Outdoor Education Department because the additional space means that all the gear can be centralised and well organised. The vans will now be stored in a new carport which is under construction.
4. A new Pastoral Room (formerly room 28 off the Hall) has been completed. It has been painted, cabled for computers, heating has been installed and new furniture has been set up. This is now a very comfortable, functional working space for the pastoral team and will also serve as a withdrawal room for students. Andrew Jones, our new Deputy Principal, is currently developing the systems and protocols for the new Pastoral Room and has written in this newsletter about the new Behaviour Management System that will be in place this year.
5. We have redeveloped the office for our Academic Advisor, Karen Cockroft. The idea is that she will now have a comfortable space to meet with parents and students to discuss their course.
6. We have upgraded our computer network by installing new switches, extending our fibre backbone and installing several new desktop computers. We still await a major upgrade (SNUP) which will be partially-funded by the government.
7. As part of our ICT professional development, a number of staff members are trialling iPads this year. We are trying to find new and better ways to use technology to enhance teaching and learning. I am currently using one myself and I am addicted.



I look forward to the year ahead and I encourage you to get involved in the life of the school.

Until next time,

Chris Comeau
Principal

PASTORAL ROOM

In order to provide our students and staff with the best support possible, a Pastoral Room has been created that will be staffed by the Deans and Senior Leadership Team during all periods and lunchtimes. This room is a place where students can come if they need advice and support in a generalised way, or if events occur that require immediate staff attention. In addition, the Pastoral Room will support classroom teachers in dealing with students who have made the choice to disrupt other students' learning.

Roncalli College is a restorative school. This means that our primary approach is to acknowledge where behaviours of both staff and students have caused harm and that discussions will take place that acknowledge responsibility and focus on actions that prevent repetition in the future.

Teachers are encouraged to take responsibility for their own classrooms and develop their own management strategies that suit their subject, personality and philosophy, but sometimes events occur that require outside support. If a student is unwilling to respect the rights of both staff and students to learn and engage in a constructive manner, they may be withdrawn from class. This is done by following the withdrawal process.

WITHDRAWAL PROCESS

Immediate

The classroom teacher uses personal behaviour management strategies.

If these strategies do not help in re-engaging the student, a form is given to the student to fill in. This form provides the student with prompts and time to reassess their current attitude and behavior, and a final chance to make a change.

Should the behaviour continue, the student will be sent to the Pastoral Room.

In the Pastoral Room:

- the Supervisor will have a conversation with the student to clarify the details of the event from the student's point of view.
- the Supervisor to enter information on our records. This enables staff to build a better overall picture of the student's needs and allows early positive intervention if required.
- the Office staff will text parents/caregivers to inform them of the withdrawal. This is simply a notification and does not require a response. However if you receive the formal letter confirming the withdrawal and not the text, please ring the College Office to make sure we have the correct contact details.

A standard letter that communicates basic facts will be produced and sent to the appropriate parents/caregivers.

The student will also complete a reflection document that will encourage the student to think about how they can repair the damage that has been caused.

Within 24 hours:

- 1 The classroom teacher will contact parents to provide details of the withdrawal via email or telephone.
- 2 The student is encouraged to seek out the teacher to restore the relationship in a two-way conversation. This may be conducted with the Dean present if that is appropriate and requested.
- 3 Consequences/restorative actions are then decided, along with allocated responsibility.

This process is designed to be as consistent, clear and transparent as possible. The students provided with multiple opportunities to understand the effect that their behaviour is having on others and to change it. Withdrawal is signposted to the students as early as a possibility and time away from the classroom is used to reflect back on the events so they can assume control of the situation and develop a life- long skill of conflict resolution.

For any further clarification, don't hesitate to contact me at the College or at a.jones@roncalli.school.nz.

Andrew Jones
Deputy Principal

YEAR 9 ORIENTATION

On January 26 and 27, our annual Year 9 Orientation was held. The purpose of Orientation is to give the Year 9 students the opportunity to get to know their way around the school and also to meet some of their peers, the Year 13 students and staff.

The two days were full of a variety of fun activities, information and lots of laughs. The Year 9's all agreed that it made their first days at Roncalli much more relaxing and enjoyable. Many thanks to Mrs Richardson and Mr Wilson for running the Orientation, and to Miss Boyce for running the Peer Support Program.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP FUND – CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS OVER HOLIDAYS

The Roncalli College Development Trust is approved by the IRD as a Donee Organisation, whereby donations can be claimed as a tax credit. The Board of Trustees and the Roncalli College Development Trust are excited with the completion of the capital developments over the summer break .



Pastoral Room – Room 28



Room 1A – a fantastic multi-purpose teaching space





THEIR NEXT STEP.....

Parents

Parents are the most important influencers on a young person's career decision. What parents do for a living; where they live; their education, knowledge and skills; what they earn; and how they spend their time and money have a huge influence on their child's career decisions

Be encouraging and supportive

- As a parent, you know that there is a readiness factor and that every young person is different.

Encourage your children to explore training and careers that they are interested in and to make a decision when they are ready to do so; www.careers.govt.nz is the best NZ site and has everything about careers you could ever want to know; training, pay, job outlook, subjects needed etc.

- Some young people know what they want to do from an early age and others take some time to work out what's right for them. Support their career exploration by talking through how they have made decisions in the past, for example, learning as much as possible about a career.
- Sometimes a student will tell me that "I want to study philosophy but my parents want me to do something more practical, like business." A student who is directed into an area that they are not passionate about is much less motivated, and more likely to be unhappy with their course and the careers they enter later on. Passion is the most important element for job satisfaction. Every young person has gifts and there are careers linked to these abilities. Remember, making a decision about what to do after school is a big decision, sometimes they won't know until they try something out.
- I plan to run term meetings where parents and students can come along and ask questions to help you both in knowing how it all works and what they might be interested in; the first session is set for Wednesday 21 March, more information to follow.
- A simple online questionnaire can offer some career options to consider and takes only 10-15 minutes to complete at: www2.careers.govt.nz/tools/careerquest/ and select 'first time'.

Ms Adrienne Quartier

Guidance Counsellor / Careers Adviser x 811 ☺

RONCALLI SPORTS NEWS

Sports Calendar - Term One 2012



Date	Event	Venue
Wednesday 8 February	Netball Player Registrations – 1.30pm	Roncalli Gymnasium
Thursday 9 February	Aoraki Qualifying Tennis Champs	ASB Tennis Centre
Thursday 9 February	Netball Committee Meeting – 7.00pm	Seminar Room
Friday 10 February	Roncalli Swimming Sports Day	CBay Outdoor Pool
Friday 10 February	A Grade Tennis competition starts	ASB Tennis Centre
Friday 10 February	Softball Competition commences	Old Boys Grounds
Monday 13 February	Senior Competitive Netball Trials commence	Roncalli College TBC
Tuesday 14 February	B Grade Tennis competition starts	ASB Tennis Centre
Wednesday 15 February	St Kevins Cricket Exchange	Roncalli Hosts
Sunday 19 February	Aoraki Secondary Schools Touch Tournament	Old Boys Grounds
Monday 20 February	½ Day Athletics (Javelin, hurdles and 3000m)	All Weather Athletics Track
Monday 20 February	Year 10 Netball Trials commence	Roncalli College TBC
Friday 24 February	Roncalli Athletics Sports Day	All Weather Athletics Track
Monday 27 February	Year 9 Netball Trials commence	Roncalli College TBC
Thursday 1 March	Postponement Date Athletics Sports Day	All Weather Athletics Track
Sunday 4 March	South Island SS Triathlon/Duathlon Champs	Oamaru
Wednesday 7 March	Aoraki Senior Volleyball	SBS Stadium
Friday 9 March	Aoraki Bowls Champs	Kia Toa Bowling Club
Wednesday 14 March	Aoraki Swimming Champs	Century Pool
Wednesday 21 March	Aoraki Athletics Champs	All Weather Athletics Track
26 th – 30 March	SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK	
Saturday 31 March – 1 April	SISS Athletics	Nelson
Thursday 5 April	RockHampton Grammar School 1 st XV v Roncalli	Roncalli College

SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT NEWTOWN PARK STADIUM.

The travelling team of James Sandilands, Jacob Matson, Leanna Ryan and Brittany Cannell was smaller than that in 2012 but results achieved were exceptional against New Zealand's highly-ranked Secondary School athletes. Roncalli won three medals, congratulations to James Sandilands who won a national title winning GOLD in the junior boys 100m hurdles in a slick time of 13.48secs, knocking half a second off his personal best. Leanna Ryan competing in the senior girls long jump won a bronze medal with a leap of 5.31m, Leanna will be in this grade for the next two years so this is a huge achievement as she was competing against athletes two years older. Jacob Matson was impressive in the junior boys 200m running a personal best time in the quarterfinal 23.08sec, Jacob finished 3rd in the final bringing home a bronze medal. Jacob still has one more year in the junior boys grade. Unfortunately Brittany Cannell was injured and unable to compete in the junior girls sprints, she still travelled with the team and was an awesome and very loud supporter! A big thank you to Richelle Cannell who travelled as team manager and to Sharon Matson who also travelled with the team and assisted throughout the weekend. Also thank you to Collette and Michaela Sandilands who were fantastic supporters at the track.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!

Full List of Results:

James Sandilands –
GOLD medal,
junior boys 100m
hurdles (13.48s);
11th high jump
(1.75m).

Leanna Ryan –
BRONZE medal,
senior girls long
jump (5.31); 15th
fastest 100m
(12.95s).

Jacob Matson –
BRONZE medal,
junior boys 200m
(23.50s).



RONCALLI COLLEGE NATIONAL ATHLETICS TEAM 2011

Left to right: Jacob Matson, Brittany Cannell, Leanna Ryan and James Sandilands.

AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS TENNIS LEAGUE

The Aoraki Secondary Schools term one tennis league will commence:-

A GRADE - Friday 10 February – 23 March (6 weeks)

B GRADE Tuesday 14 February – 20 March (6 weeks)

Where: ASB Tennis Centre, Benvenue Avenue, Timaru

Cost: \$60.00 per team of four – girls or boys (\$15.00 per player)

Entries Close - TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2012. See Mrs Cannell in the sports office for a permission letter.

AORAKI QUALIFYING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Roncalli College will be represented with three teams next Thursday 9 February at the Aoraki Qualifying Tennis Teams Tournament. Good luck to the students involved.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS LAWN BOWLS

When: Friday 10 February 4.00pm – Introduction to Bowls @ Westend Bowling Club, Maltby Ave - ALL WELCOME
Friday 17 February 4.00pm – Westend Bowling Club (Competition commences)
Friday 24 February 4.00pm – Kia Toa Bowling Club Hassall Street
Friday 2 March 4.00pm – Ashbury Bowling Club Opposite Pak and Save

Cost: No Charge – Free

Info: Pairs are played at these sessions (can be mixed). If you do not have a partner you are encouraged to come along and they can always organise someone for you to pair up with.

Flat soled shoes or bare feet are permitted. Bowls are available.

Any students, who wish to participate, please notify Miss Zandbergen by Thursday 9 February.

RONCALLI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Friday 10 February 2012 – CBay Outdoor Pool – 8.45am – 3.00pm

ALL students must make their own way to Maori Park Pool (now renamed CBay Outdoor Pool) by 8.45am (outside the pool sitting on the grass bank, where the house group rolls will be taken).

Bus students – The buses will not be dropping off or picking up students at the pool.

We ask bus students to make alternative travel arrangements if possible. But if you require transport to and from the pool, please register your name at the school office by Wednesday 8 February.

What to bring:

- Students are to dress in house colours
- TOGS!! TOWELS
- Warm clothing
- Large Lunch / Water bottle
- Sun Hat / Sunscreen (Slip, Slop, Slap & Wrap)



- Any cancellation will be on Port FM at 7.00am and the Roncalli Website. If the event is cancelled – Championship swimmers must come to school with their swimming gear ready to compete. All other students will attend a normal school day.
- Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend the event.
- If any parents/caregivers would like to assist on the day, please contact Jose Zandbergen at the sports office on 688 6003 ext 808 or email j.zandbergen@roncalli.school.nz

Please view order of events programme below.

*Students must compete in either Championship or Non-Championship- **NOT BOTH**. Championship entries have been taken at school and ALL non-championship swimmers will enter on the day. (At least 3 events)*

Miss Zandbergen – Sports Coordinator

RONCALLI SWIMMING SPORTS EVENTS PROGRAMME

Event 1: Boys 200m Medley Championship	Event 15: Girls 50m Breaststroke Non-Champs
Event 2: Girls 200m Medley Championship	Event 16: Boys 50m Breaststroke Non-Champs
Event 3: Girls 25m Backstroke Non-Champs	Event 17: Girls 100m Breaststroke Championship
Event 4: Boys 25m Backstroke Non-Champs	Event 18: Boys 100m Breaststroke Championship
Event 5: Girls 50m Backstroke Championship	Event 19: Girls 50m Butterfly Championship
Event 6: Boys 50m Backstroke Championship	Event 20: Boys 50m Butterfly Championship
Event 7: Girls 50m Backstroke Non-Champs	Event 21: Girls 25m Freestyle Non-Champs
Event 8: Boys 50m Backstroke Non-Champs	Event 22: Boys 25m Freestyle Non-Champs
Event 9: Girls 100m Backstroke Championship	Event 23: Boys 100m Freestyle Championship
Event 10: Boys 100m Backstroke Championship	Event 24: Girls 100m Freestyle Championship
Event 11: Girls 25m Breaststroke Non-Champs	Event 25: Boys 50m Freestyle Non-Champs
Event 12: Boys 25m Breaststroke Non-Champs	Event 26: Girls 50m Freestyle Non-Champs
Event 13: Girls 50m Breaststroke Championship	Event 27: Boys 50m Freestyle Championship
Event 14: Boys 50m Breaststroke Championship	Event 28: Girls 50m Freestyle Championship
Interhouse Relays	

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Roncalli Softball team will commence competition next Friday 10 February – 6.30pm. Please confirm your attendance with Miss Zandbergen.

AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOUCH RUGBY

Roncalli College are defending Champions in both the Senior and Junior Boys grade! So we are excited to see these boys defend their titles. All competitive players who would like the opportunity to represent Roncalli must see Miss Zandbergen.

Information as follows:

When: Sunday 19 February 2012 *Postponement date – Sunday 26 February*

Where: Old Boys Field – Quarry Road – Timaru

Who: Open Grade and Junior Grade (Girls and Boys)

Cost: \$35.00 per team

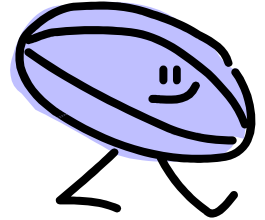
General Info: All games played using NZTA rules

Each team must provide a **parent or teacher** to assist on the day. Details of this person must be included on the entry form.

Each team must provide the name of a person/s that can be rostered to referee throughout the day.

This person is not to be a coach or manager of a team as it can create problems with the draw.

Entries Close Tuesday 14 February.



Netball Coaches Required

Roncalli College is calling for expressions of interest for Coaches and Managers for our netball teams in preparation for the 2012 season, including a Coaching position for our Senior A Team.



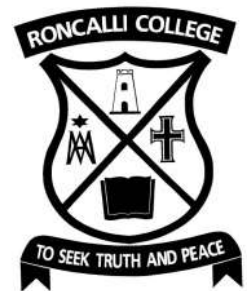
Please apply in writing for all positions to:

Roncalli College Netball Committee

PO Box 138

Timaru

j.zandbergen@roncalli.school.nz



PLACEMAKERS PASS2PUB 2012



Mountain Bike Ride for the whole family - Through the legendary Mackenzie Country.
Date this year is Sunday March 4th

Enter online at www.pass2pub.co.nz - or pick up an entry form at bike shops in Timaru.