



RONCALLI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

' TO SEEK TRUTH AND PEACE '

**KIMIHIA TE PONO ME TE
RANGIMARIE**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4 has started with a sprint. The shortened term has really challenged us in many ways and has put extra pressure on both staff and students. However, I have been pleased with the response of our staff who have really risen to the challenge by 'mucking in'. Many staff members have been here at school on the weekends to work with senior students, or have been holding tutorials during lunchtime and after school. In addition, they have been marking practice exam scripts for students and generally making themselves available for those who ask. This is part of what makes Roncalli special.

The seniors are now on exam leave and the juniors are starting to stretch their wings a bit. I was pleased with the way all our seniors finished the school year; gone are the days of silly pranks and antics. Our Year 13 students had a particularly busy finish to their year. It began with a leavers' School Mass last Thursday celebrated by Fr. Kevin Murphy who came down especially from Auckland. On Friday, the students began the day with a special breakfast held at the Dooleys' house and was followed by the Year 13 Leaver's Assembly, presentation of their school gift (a lovely Roncalli flag), a sports prizegiving and finally, a very moving final Year 13 Liturgy. On Monday evening, we held their graduation ceremony in the school hall. The feedback from those who attended was very positive; many saying it was 'the best yet'. The graduation was followed by a lovely supper put on by our hard-working PTA.

We wish our senior students all the best as they begin their NCEA exams; and we ask that you support them in their study and encourage them to take advantage of the extra study opportunities here at school, so that they can go into each exam with the best possible chance of success.

Until next time,

Chris Comeau
Principal

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UPDATES

TERM DATES

NOVEMBER

- 10 NCEA Exams commence
- 15 & 17 Student Leadership Interviews
- 15 Parent Meeting – Year 9 (re Year 10 camp) 5.30pm School Gymnasium
- 16 Uniform Shop Open – 3.30-4.30pm
- 23 Junior Exams
- 25 **Teacher Only Day**
- 26 Election Day – Polling Booth at Roncalli College
- 29 Entrance Testing/Welcome Day – Year 8
- 30 NCEA Exams finish
Scripture Reading Competition – Year 10
Uniform Shop Open – 3.30-4.30pm



DECEMBER

- 1-7 Hillary Award Tramps
- 1 **Junior Conferencing – non-school day**
- 2 Scripture Reading Competition – Year 9
Inter-house Line Dancing Competition
- 7 Last School Day 2011
Carol Service – noon
- 8 School Prizegiving – 7pm at Basilica
- 11 Second hand uniform sale – College Hall 10am-1pm

PLEASE NOTE:

WHILE EXAMS ARE ON – 10-30 NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE - PLEASE ENSURE YOU DROP OFF AND PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS EITHER FROM THE GYM CARPARK, OR ON WELLINGTON STREET.

DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE QUAD.



Raising the Flag

This year's Graduands presented the School with a Roncalli flag to fly proudly from the central courtyard flagpole.

Pictured are the students hoisting this in place for the first time.

FOCUS ON.. MCAULEY HOUSE CAPTAINS



This year was full of ups and downs for McAuley House, as we had a fantastic start to the year showing off our amazing abilities in the Swimming Sports, with Daniel Hickey breaking every record ever set, and claiming McAuley as the best swimming house once again! Unfortunately Athletics didn't go our way this year, and we ended up in a very close 3rd place.

A highlight for us was definitely winning the second-ever Stage Challenge with our Michael Jackson tribute, which was won by the energetic enthusiasm of everyone both on-stage and off. We were very proud of all the efforts McAuley students put into this event, and we believe this was a great experience for everyone.



Inter-house Singing has always been a challenge for McAuley and this year was no different; as our version of "Dancing in the Moonlight" found us dancing ourselves straight into last place. However everyone seemed to really enjoy it and we hope next years' leaders can boost McAuleys' singing abilities and reputation.

We also showed off our academic side with a placing of second in the Interhouse Quiz. Overall we have had a very strong year and are proud of each and every McAuley member – we are very happy to have you in the best house at Roncalli – keep up the McAuley passion and pride.

From Courtenay Hamel and James Spence

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS



The Term 4 School Mass was celebrated by Father Kevin Murphy S.M. At this Mass we celebrated the theme of “Journey” with the Year 13 students for the final time. Our seniors were blessed by the entire school community before they processed out.

Father Kevin Murphy visited the school for three days from 1-4 November, working with both staff and students on Special Character issues and of course, celebrating our school Mass, a Mass for All Souls Day, and a Benediction at Friday lunchtime for all the Year 13 students.



PTA Raffle Results: All winners have been notified. Thank you for your support of our fundraising.

1 st	2376	Granny Gibson
2 nd	4313	H. Sharples
3 rd	2680	Lynette Hill
4 th	3945	C Rees
5 th	2367	Heather

Latin Tutor Wanted!

Does anyone know of a person who may be able to tutor students in Latin? Please contact our International Director Mr Gerry Fennessy on 027 2011 897, or email address g.fennessy@roncalli.school.nz if you are interested.

Parent Meeting – Year 9 students

Current Year 9 Parents are invited to a meeting to discuss fundraising and planning for the Year 10 camp 2012. This meeting is to be held in the Roncalli Gymnasium at 5.30pm on Tuesday 15 November 2011. This meeting will take up to an hour with Guy Sutherland, our Outdoor Education Curriculum Leader.

Aoraki Rowing Regatta

A 1000 metre regatta was held on Lake Ruataniwha at Twizel on 29 October. Roncalli students gained several first and second placings on this date, which is promising at this stage in the season. Roncalli rowers at this regatta were:

Girls:

Heather Livesey
Trish Rush
Caitlin Rowlands
Kate Shaw
Amy Blackler
Sophie Chambers
Libby Davenport
Brooke Wilkins
Kendra May
Sonnie Katene

Boys:

Sam Fraser
Luke Cody
Jacob Calvert
Tim Coughlan
Justin Dovestone
James Hamilton
Johnny Rush



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Thank you for your support.

YEAR 13 – GRADUATION

The Year 13 students celebrated their final liturgy on Friday 4 November during period 3. Students were able to farewell each other in the Spiritual context of a formal liturgy in our School Chapel. This was a memorable and moving occasion.

Year 13 students formally graduated on Monday 7 November. We thank all families who supported this auspicious occasion. Staff worked hard to make the celebration appropriate and memorable. Well done to all involved. Congratulations to our College Graduands of 2011. Go out into the world seeking Truth and Peace.



YEAR 12 COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The School congratulates the following Year 12 students who were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for the College and Parishes last week:

- Genevieve Cockburn
- Caitlin Davenport
- Jenna Cheesman
- Michael O'Rafferty
- Karla Morrison
- James Verey
- Phillip Shanks
- Louise Cody
- Michael Brosnahan
- Ramon Santos
- Daniel Hickey
- Josef Jacob
- Erin Broughton
- Kate Cockcroft
- Amberleigh Shields
- Millie Farr



We commissioned sixteen Year 12 students as Eucharistic Ministers for 2012. These students will also be leading the Friday school Benedictions. We are fortunate to have so many students who have trained to become involved in this Special Character area and who are prepared to take this commitment back into their parishes.





Are you leaving school?

For further information and advice, please see:

www.careers.govt.nz

This is our national website and has what subjects you need to enter into study/careers, where you can apply for training etc

www.careers.govt.nz/careerquest.html

CareerQuest is a great tool that suggests jobs based on your interests

http://www2.careers.govt.nz/secondary_students.html

Information for students leaving school

<http://www.studylink.govt.nz/financing-study/student-allowance/index.html>

Student Allowance

<http://www.studylink.govt.nz/financing-study/student-loan/index.html>

Student Loans

<http://www2.careers.govt.nz/2427.html>

Scholarships

<http://www.roncalli.school.nz/site/roncallicollege/files/Scholarships.pdf>

Roncalli Scholarship booklet

The largest scholarship database can be found on the 'Breakout' website at the local library.

If you would like to talk through any of this, please contact Ms Quertier on

a.quertier@roncalli.school.nz or 688-6003 x811

OUTSTANDING STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students:

GYMNASTICS – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulation to **Chelseigh Fransch** who recently competed at the National Gymsport Championships achieving 4 National Medals in the Step 6 overs grade.

Results as follows:

- Gold – Uneven Bars
- Silver – All Round
- Silver – Balance Beam
- Bronze – Aorangi Team



BASKETBALL *New Zealand* – **Sean Hunter** has been selected as a reserve for the New Zealand under-18 development team.

South Canterbury - Representative players selected:-

U16 Boys – **Rueben King**, **Nick O'Brien**, **Tom Anderson**, **Kade Willets**.

U16 Girls – **Macie Austin**, **Siobhan O'Connor** and **Luisa Sheriff** (Reserve).

NETBALL - Genevieve O'Connor who has been selected for the national talent development programme. Genevieve along with 2 other South Canterbury secondary school girls will attend a Netball New Zealand development cluster camp in Nelson on 3- 4 December.

CRICKET - Ben Watson and Daniel Dorgan for being named in the South Canterbury Cricket Team. Teacher Craig Hinton is also in the team as is Ed Kilbee (English-import).

FOOTBALL SOUTH CANTERBURY

We would like to acknowledge the following Roncalli students who have represented South Canterbury in Football this season: Johnny Rush, Ethan Hickey, James Sandilands, Matt Geach, Christina Ryan, Kasie Sykes-Beynon, Leanna Ryan, Sarah Matthewson and Morgan Stevenson.

RUGBY - Ben Watson and Jimmy Bown for the awards they received at the South Canterbury Rugby Awards held at Caroline Bay Hall recently. Ben was named the under-18 Back of the Year and Jimmy was named the under-16 Supporters Club Player of the Year.

SMALLBORE RIFLE SHOOTING - Ashlea Small was recently awarded the following cups and trophies at the Smallbore rifle shooting prizegiving: C.M.R.C Ladies Champion 1937, McConnell Cup – C Grade, CLAREMONT MRC ARDMORE Junior Aggregate, REX WADDINGTON CUP – C.M.R.C C GRADE HANDICAP, CLAREMONT S.B.R.C – JUBILEE PAIRS TROPHY 1925-1975.

Sophia Hathaway Was awarded the 75th Jubilee Cup for Most Improved.

MOUNTAINBIKING - Fabian Wybrow-O'Brien and Cameron Fitzgerald who competed at the Inaugural 10-hour mountain bike race held at the Deans Bank track near Wanaka. In the junior 12-17 years team competition, Cameron and Fabian were part of a team of 4 who took out the title and finished a creditable third overall.

GOLF - Michael Lees was selected to represent Aorangi Golf at the Eagle Boys and Girls Golf Championships of New Zealand in Invercargill. Michael finished third on stableford points out of 43 boys.

RIFLE SHOOTING - Michaela Black for her achievements at the recent South Island Scoped Rifle Championships. Michaela was 1st in the Novice Centrefire, 2nd in Ladies Centrefire and 3rd in Rimfire. Michaela won the Kilkolly Challenge Cup for top novice shooter over the two day event for both Rimfire and Centrefire.



AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS AWARDS 2011

The 13th Annual Aoraki Secondary Schools Sports Awards Evening was held on Tuesday 1 November at the Caroline Bay Hall.

The Master of Ceremonies was Tony Shaw and the Guest Speaker was Double World Champion Rower Joseph Sullivan. This evening was an opportunity to acknowledge students outstanding sporting performances and success.

Roncalli had 60 representatives in attendance, including student finalists, parents, family and staff. This was a great reflection on the successful year Roncalli students have had in sporting achievement and representation. Roncalli had 24 finalists in this event and 13 students achieved National Honours.

Thank you to the parents and families of Roncalli for your great support, it was an enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to the following students who were finalists:

Ashlea Small (Sports Contribution), Robert Mulvena (Best All Round), Lucinda Shaw (Athletics), Courtenay Hamel (Cricket), Leanna Ryan (Football), Chelseigh Fransch (Gymnastics), Emily van der Heyden (Inline Speed Skating), Holly Pierce (Umpire & Referee), Kathryn Richards (Umpire & Referee), Heather Livesey (Rowing), Caitlin Rowland (Rowing), Tom Pavletich (Cricket), James Faulkner (Cross Country), Cameron Fitzgerald (Cycling), Fabian Wybrow-O'Brien (Cycling), Hamish Race (Football), Michael Lees (Golf), Luke Cody (Hockey), Tyler Cathro-Carson (Luge), Josh May (Motocross), Fabian Wybrow-O'Brien (Mountainbiking), Robert Mulvena (Rugby), Carisbrook Toomalatai (Rugby), Jordan Hooke (Swimming), Daniel Hickey (Swimming) and Hayden Blackler (Table Tennis).

I would also like to acknowledge Yolanda Smith (Hockey), Genevieve O'Connor (Netball), Gretchen McAleer (Swimming) and James Sandilands (Athletics) who were nominees for the sports awards.

RONCALLI COLLEGE – AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS 2011



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RONCALLI COLLEGE WINNERS AT THE RECENT AORAKI SPORTS AWARDS

Back Row L to R: Josh May (Motocross), Fabian Wybrow-O'Brien (Mountainbiking), Robert Mulvena (Rugby)
Jordan Hooke (Swimming).

Front Row: Emily van der Heyden (Inline Speed Skating), Ashlea Small (Sports Contribution), Kathryn Richards
(Umpire/Referee).

In Absentia: Tyler Cathro-Carson (Luge).

NATIONAL ATHLETICS

A HUGE thank you to Richelle Cannell and the Roncalli Nationals athletics team for their hard work setting up for the Aoraki Secondary School Sports Awards and the parents and athletes who assisted on the evening of the awards and to clean up at the end of the night. This was done as a fundraiser towards costs for the team of Harlem Cole, Leanna Ryan, Brittany Cannell, James Sandilands and Jacob Matson to attend the New Zealand Secondary School Athletics Champs to be held next month in Wellington. Thank you to the extra seven students who helped during the day setting up the Bay Hall, it really did look amazing and the feedback on the presentation of the hall was well received.

AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR TENNIS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Junior Boys A Team

On Thursday 27 October, the Aoraki Junior Tennis Tournament was held at the South Canterbury Finance Tennis Centre. Due to the strength of junior players at Roncalli we were able to enter four teams in this tournament, two in the boys grade and two in the mixed grade.

TEAMS: **Boys A:** Adam Beck (captain), Luke Elsen, Daniel Kelliher, Liam Beck
 Boys B: Josh Sullivan, Luke Cody, Conor Scott (captain), Michael Lees
 Mixed Blue: Tom Anderson, Libby Taylor (captain), Shannon Wallace, Tom Prayoonuang
 Mixed Gold: James Sandilands Bethney Pattie (captain), Laura Dorgan, Sam Struthers



Junior Boys B Team

The Roncalli A boys team qualified to the final after beating St Kevins and knocking out top seed Timaru Boys High School A in the first two rounds. They faced a strong team from Ashburton College in the final. Daniel Kelliher and Luke Elsen won their singles 7-4 and 7-2 respectively, going into the doubles 2-2 the boys were set for a hard-fought battle, the doubles combinations played exceptionally well and were too strong both winning 7-3. Congratulations to the boys for winning the final 4-2 against Ashburton College. The Boys B team finished 3rd overall beating Timaru Boys High A 4-2. The Mixed Blue team were 2nd in the mixed grade and the Gold team 3rd, Ashburton were convincing winners of the mixed grade.

Overall it was a great day with good tennis being played. Having the most teams entered was a credit to the talent at Roncalli College. Thank you to the parents who came along during the day to support the teams, this was very much appreciated. Once again congratulations to the Boys A team for winning the Aoraki Secondary Schools Junior Boys Tennis Title for 2011. A full report and photos can be viewed on the College website. *Richelle Cannell – Tennis Co-ordinator*



Junior Mixed Blue Team



Junior Mixed Gold Team

RONCALLI COLLEGE WINTER SPORTS PRIZEGIVING 2011

The Roncalli College Winter Sports Prizегiving took place on Friday 4 November, this was a great opportunity to celebrate our students' success. Congratulations to all students on their achievements. A full prize list of the Winter Sports Prize Giving is available to view on the Roncalli Website www.roncalli.school.co.nz

JOSEPH SULLIVAN – DOUBLE WORLD CHAMPION ROWER



Aoraki Sports Awards guest speaker Joseph Sullivan hosted rowing students from Roncalli, Timaru Girls and Craighead in a one-hour Question and Answer session on the morning of the awards. This was an awesome opportunity for the rowers who learnt a great deal from what Joseph had to share.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS TRAINING

Where: Fitness Studio, SBS Events Centre

When: Every Wednesday 4.00pm – 5.00pm, finish 14 December and restart 18 January.

Cost: \$14.00 casual or \$105.00 for a 10-visit card, existing gym members no charge.

Circuits include: Speed, Agility, quickness, Aerobic and anaerobic conditioning, muscular strength, power and endurance.

Fitness Studio Secondary School Sport Performance Scholarship

Applications are being called for Secondary School Sport Performance Scholarships (winter sports).

Call the **Fitness Studio** on 686 0461 for more information or download criteria and application form from www.sbseventscentre.co.nz (keyword 'scholarship')

Applications close 24 November 2011

**Craighead School Athletics Team
presents:
Guest Speaker - Katrina Darry
Lead nutritionist to the All Blacks & NZRU**

**Tuesday 15 November 2011
Craighead Auditorium – Wrights Avenue
7pm – doors open 6.30pm
Tickets on sale from the Craighead school office
Adults \$15 Students \$10**

**Light supper held afterwards
There will be the opportunity for a Q & A session
at the end of her presentation
A Craighead Athletics Team fundraiser**