



## CareerFest

The trip to the 2023 CareerFest was a huge success. Held at the ILT stadium, 87 students and the “Dream Team” of Mr Jackson, Mrs Barrett, Miss Stark and Mrs Duncan were presented with a lot of Career opportunities. Firstly, we were treated to a presentation from the Trade Collective Ltd. This engaging talk was to motivate students to think about getting into the trade sector. Logan and Jesse gave perspectives on both their trades and personal life experiences.

Then, into the main arena where the stall holders were bombarded with questions and harassed for freebies. NSC students fully immersed themselves in this experience. We should be proud of our Year 10-12 students who were immaculately dressed and had impeccable manners.

We as a school are lucky to have STAR funding, which funded the buses for these students to travel. A huge thank you to Jesse McKenzie who thanked the Trade Collective team and to Ava Leach, who thanked the organisers in the main hall on the microphone!



By Mrs Duncan





# University of Canterbury/Lincoln University Trip

Yes, this trip finally went ahead. Due to plane cancellations on 20 June, we boarded the flight to Christchurch on Friday 4 August bound for Christchurch. Ten Year 13 students accompanied by the “Elite Team” of Miss Stark, Mrs Stalker and Mrs Duncan. Note to oneself – do not travel overseas with Lachy Elder as he lost his boarding pass in the first 15 minutes! A smooth trip to Christchurch which saw Flight Attendants Bayer and Villamayor take charge of the lolly handing out. Into the rental cars and we were off to the University of Canterbury. A drop off on the sidewalk – nobody was using it – and then a run to meet our tour guide. Students had a guided tour of the campus, attended faculty lectures, and visited the Halls of Residence on offer. Ms Stark and Mrs Stalker took a group of students to Lincoln University to give them an opportunity to look around and get a taste of “uni life”. The University of Canterbury bookshop proved popular and Mrs Coghlan would be proud of her Year 13 English class and their love of books. Off to the Commodore Hotel for a lemonade and pizza before arriving back at the Christchurch airport. Madeline took the prize for the biggest hand luggage! We were very thankful to land in Invercargill as the pilot gave us a warning that due to fog, we could be on our way back to Christchurch. But he knew better than to not get Miss Stark and Charlotte back to the deep south for their netball semi-finals. A fabulous group to take away, who now has the hard decision of “what next for my life”?



By Mrs Duncan





## Agrikids

In 2023, a group of year 7 & 8 students (Angus McFadzien, Tori van de Sandt and Georgia Taylor) went to the Southland and Otago Regional Young Farmers Agrikids Competition in Middlemarch. It was a very interesting and fun thing to go to. It was the first time for all of us and we had a great time. It was a valuable experience and we achieved 3rd place out of 20 teams. This meant we went to the New Zealand Young Farmers Grand Final in July, in Timaru. I felt so proud of our team for representing our school. The bad thing was that Tori was going to America the week that it was on, so that was a bit disappointing. We could not go as the original team. But, we managed to get Fetcher Drysdale to come and join us, which was good. In the next competition we managed to achieve 13th place out of 25 teams which is pretty impressive. It was an excellent experience and I would love to do it again.

By Angus McFadzien

Thank you to all of the sponsors who came in to help the team and others train throughout term 2 - Brent from Brent Scamell Honda bought in an ATV and motorbike, 2 insurance brokers from FMG spoke to us about what they do. The Ministry of Primary Industries brought in a Fisheries Officer, 2 Biosecurity Airport Staff and a couple of people who look after animal welfare and NAIT. Catherine from Ravensdown spoke to us about fertiliser and Keith from New Holland bought a Boomer 25c tractor for us to have a drive.



By Angus McFadzien





## 13 BIO Portobello Trip

Day one: We left Lumsden early in the morning to arrive at the Portobello, Otago Marine Research Centre. We went through information about handling of crabs, their habitat, behaviour and conditions they live in.

Day Two: We started our investigation on half-crabs, there were 10 crabs per person to research and we were able to choose from variables like salinity, temperature and light. We could test how those variables affected the crabs by using re-sheltering, feeding, flipping and kinesis methods.

Day Three: We repeated our investigation to get another set of data and to compare our previous data.

We were very thankful to be able to stay on Quarantine Island and to the teachers that helped us cook and clean.



By Rhea Rashee





## 12 English/Biology Riverton Trip

Us year 12 biologists set out to complete our ecology investigation. This involved laying our transects across the rocky shore as we observed the different species located within the intertidal zone, and we had to move fast due to the rising tide's encouragement. The data we collected was used for our report on the rocky shore and its ecological community where we discussed the particular adaptations of the species we observed.

As for the year 12 English class, our task (I multitasked) was to observe everything at the beach that triggered our five senses for a writing assignment. We took notes on the sights and smells, the textures and tastes, and of course the sounds and converted this experience into our own words in the form of creative writing.

We finished up early which left time for us to chill at Riverton for however long it took, which gave us the opportunity to venture out to the shops and pretend it wasn't a school day.

The trip was equally as tiring as it was exciting, proven with how many of us fell asleep in the van when we returned to NSC. 10/10 would totally recommend.



By Ella Kutsyk