

Wellington High School

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2012 FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Greetings to you all



Nigel Hanton - Principal

I am proud to be sharing with you these wonderful examples of the exciting programmes the school offers. Our students really are inhabitants of the global village and grasp opportunities with real enthusiasm. Enjoy reading their stories.

We look forward to seeing you at our open evening so that you can see for yourself the quality of curriculum and learning this great school delivers to our students. We want to share our school's achievements with you.

Best wishes
Nigel Hanton

Wellington High School: Take Another Look!



On June 25 Wellington High School will throw open its doors and welcome the world in to see the amazing things happening in and out of classrooms in our technology rich learning environment. Be dazzled by feats of alchemy and wonder in our science labs, and marvel at the towering confections in the Food Technology area. Check out the media suite,

peruse the shelves in the library, and talk to our amazing students and fabulous teachers about life at Wellington High School - our proudly diverse, innovative, coeducational, non-uniform school in the heart of Wellington.

WHS Open Evening 6pm 25 June 2012

Wellington Culinary Fare Silver Medal



Rachel in action in front of judge

Rachel Linton was presented with a Silver medal for her entry in the Pasta Main Course class of the 2012 Culinary Fare competition held at the Food Show Wellington. She was placed second, one point behind the winner, who also received a Silver Medal. Rachel's dish was a goats cheese and pumpkin ravioli served with walnut sauce, of which she had to serve four identical portions within an hour. Rachel was not only the youngest competitor in this class but the only one from a secondary school; all other competitors were trainees from tertiary providers or industry. Also congratulations to Natalie Randall who trained Rachel for this event. Well done Rachel and Natalie.

Library News



Home access to our library catalogue - The school library catalogue is now available through the school intranet - Moodle - which can be accessed through the school website: www.whs.school.nz. Click on the Library tab and go to Library Catalogue. It is only available until 9 pm each night as the school server needs to begin its back-up at that time. Try going into the catalogue and see what the library has in its collection.

If students want to reserve books that are already on loan to someone else ('out' on the catalogue) they can log in with their enrolment number as their user name (the number on their timetable and their ID card). Their password is the first 5 letters of their last name followed by the first 2 letters of their first name.

Library Lunchtime Lectures - Professor Peter Barrett, Victoria University Antarctic Research Centre, is the first speaker. He will be presenting on his experiences in Antarctica on Thursday, 23 May at 12.30 pm in the library.

Pasifika Students - Associate Professor Hon. Luamanuvao Winnie Laban will be visiting on Tuesday, 5 June at 11.00 am to meet with our Pasifika students.

Exchange trip to Italy



Teacher Murray Chisolm and WHS Students
in Rome

Sixteen intrepid year 11 and 12 students experienced Italian life for 3 weeks last month as guests of schools in Colle Val d'Elsa (Tuscany) and Guidonia near Rome.

The group was the subject of seven newspaper articles and one TV report as we are the only NZ school to exchange classes with Italian schools.

Highlights included climbing the leaning tower of Pisa in a thunderstorm, riding in Gondolas in Venice in a thunderstorm, and attending an audience with the Pope (not in a thunderstorm).

The next exchange is planned for 2013 with a visit from Italy in April and a return visit later in the year.

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Nepal 2012



Teacher Bharat Pancha and students in front of memorial classroom.

During the last school holidays, 16 students and one parent completed an 8 day trekking trip in the Annapurna area of Nepal. We did some sightseeing, got involved with the local villagers at grass-roots level and we did some serious trekking. We also donated \$1600 (US) to an orphanage which plans to use this money to build a retaining wall, extend a fence and provide equipment for the students. The money was raised by our current students, parents, staff and ex students who have previously trekked in Nepal.

Ethical Digital Citizenship

A group of school staff has been meeting for the last couple of months to discuss ethical digital citizenship and how the school can work with students and families on the issues involved. We'll hold a parent meeting later this term to talk about digital safety and ethics and we will include some recommendations about Facebook privacy settings. We'll let you know the date and time soon.



Nigel Latta, photo David White

Psychologist Nigel Latta spoke on the radio recently about respecting young people's privacy and their use of social media. Here is the link to the broadcast:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/2516291/parenting-with-nigel-latta.aspx>

Top 2011 Scholar to Japan



Felix Borthwick – 2011 Dux

Felix Borthwick has been accepted into the Peak programme at Tokyo University, which is ranked in the top 25 universities in the world. He will be doing a degree focusing on Japan in East Asia which aims at nurturing the next generation of global leaders who can display excellence in critical analysis, innovative thinking and inter-national communication. This programme encourages students to become proficient in at least one second language, and to develop a wider view of the world through interdisciplinary studies in things like history, politics, journalism and psychology.

We wish Felix all the best in this endeavour and hope to catch up with him in April next year when the Japan Trip heads to Tokyo.

Award Winning Fashion Designer to Australia



Renee Andrews

Another student pursuing an international opportunity is Renee Andrews. Renee achieved Scholarship in 2011 in Fabrics and Photography and was keen to study overseas. She was accepted into the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology after a rigorous selection process involving exams, portfolio

submission and interview. Royal Melbourne is among the leading Design Universities in the world and it is a coup for High School to have one of its lead students accepted. Renee reports that she is "loving it". She has said that she felt totally prepared by her High School experience. Renee transferred to High School in Year 12 and has said that other students around Wellington in the Design/Photography/Fashion area should certainly consider a similar move to High, at least for their senior years.



Community Education Centre

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**The Wellington High School
Community Learning Centre
continues as a hub for adult
learning.**



Student enjoying a cooking class

Whether Art and Crafts, Business and Finance, Computing, Dressmaking, Driving Skills, English language, Dressmaking, Food and Wine, Fitness and Recreation, Home and Garden, Languages or Music Dance and Drama, there is certainly something in our offering of courses for adults which will bring both enjoyment and benefit.

Our Term two, 8 week long courses have begun, but there are many 4 week courses as well as day workshops which are yet to begin. Many are enrolling now for courses happening during Terms 3 and 4.

To view our full programme or to enrol directly on-line go to:

www.cecwellington.ac.nz OR call us (Ph. 385 8919).

**Enrolments for 2013 Year 9
students are due 30 July.**

