



# Wellington High School Newsletter

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## Principal's message

I have been sitting in Prue's chair for five weeks now, not continuously. Prue is on sabbatical for the term. Interestingly, a woman with a striking resemblance to Prue has been seen quite regularly in and out of here and I receive 2-3 emails a day from the email address [prue.kelly@whs.school.nz](mailto:prue.kelly@whs.school.nz). Anyway, even in this short amount of time a fair bit has happened.

We were jointly awarded School of the Year in the Play it Strange songwriting competition because we had 4 finalists: Ash Graham, Ruby Moyes, Harriet Hill, and Imogen Holmstead-Scott. Last year Ash and Imogen were finalists. We share the joint award with Takapuna Grammar School and Manurewa High School. Congratulations to these four students and congratulations to all the students that performed in another wonderful music evening last Wednesday that again showcased the outstanding talent in this field.

You may have read in the Dominion Post that one of our students, Renee Andrew, had her dress chosen to be worn by Amanda Millar, the presenter, on the Friday night of the WoW spectacular. Renee was thrilled to have her dress displayed in the Trelise Cooper store in Wellington – Amanda saw it in the window and chose it for her presenting role.

We have had great success in the recent NIWA Wellington & Regional Science Fair. Lily Mason-Mackay and Ciaran Barr-Burns finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in class 5 which is drawn from Year 11-13 students. Congratulations to Lily and Ciaran and to all the other entrants.

The Food and Fabrics trip to London and Paris was a great success again and a tribute to the staff and students involved. One of the teachers commented to me on one student's sublime thrill at obtaining a fabric from a Parisian store and how a visit to the Louvre paled in comparison!

We've just had another successful ski trip where all enjoyed possibly the best ski conditions ever. The manager of the lodge where our students stayed rang us to say that our students were the best group that he has ever had. Winter Sports Tournament week saw two of our teams competing with the best in the country.

The year seems to be flying by and a lot of senior students will be involved in school examinations this week. These examinations are indicators towards performance at the end of year examinations. They also will provide great feedback as to what students need to do to best prepare for the end of year examinations. Reports of these examination results will be sent out on Friday, 23 September and we have a parent evening scheduled for Monday 3 October to discuss these reports.

Our second round of learning conversations will be held this week for all year 9 – 11 students. Appointment times have already been sent out. These conversations are led by students where they reflect on learning goals they set earlier in the year and where they get a chance to display their work and discuss their learning.

I encourage you to use the parent portal if you are not doing this already. It contains student details, timetables, live attendance data, assessment results and reports. In addition, you can view our daily notices which give students information about the wide and varied opportunities available to them at High. A link to the portal is from our Parents & caregivers menu on <http://moodle.whs.school.nz/>.

Finally, the school will close on Monday, 12 September for a teacher only day. All teaching staff will spend the day working with Margaret Thorsborne who is an expert in the area of restorative practices.

Dominic Killalea  
**Acting Principal**

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## Whanau Notices



### ENROLMENT AT WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2012

20 – 22 Sept	Enrolment interviews for out-of-zone Y 9 students
24 Sept	Acceptance letters sent to Y8 parents
7 October	School holidays
25 Oct	First day of term 4
<b>31 Oct</b>	<b>Applications close for new students in Years 10 -13</b>
11 Nov	Ballot for places for out of zone Y10-Y13 students, if required
15 - 17 Nov	Enrolment interviews for new Y10-13 in 2011 students
25 Nov	Acceptance letters posted

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### A reminder to all parents and caregivers

If your student is going to be absent from school, please ring us in the morning to inform us of the absence. When your student returns to school, please communicate with your student's roopu teacher as to the reason for the absence

## Senior Exam Timetable – Week 6 (5 September – 9 September)

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Session 1 9-12</b>	ENG112 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	SCI112 <i>Hall - 2 hours</i>	MAA112 <i>Hall – 2 hours</i>	HED112 <i>Hall – 1½ hours</i>	DRA112 <i>Hall – 2 hours</i>
	GEO223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	CLS223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	MAO112 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	JAP112 <i>M104 – 3 hours</i>	PWD223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	MUS223 <i>M106 – 3 hours</i>	FRE223 <i>M105 - 3 hours</i>	DRA223 <i>Hall – 2 hours</i>	SPA112 <i>M102 – 3 hours</i>	MAC335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	MUP223 <i>Music rm – 3 hours</i>	BIO335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	JAP223 <i>M104 – 3 hours</i>	BIO223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	ART335 <i>Art rms – 3 hours</i>
	AGH335 <i>Hall – 1½ hours</i>		FRE335 <i>M105 – 3 hours</i>	ESL323 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	Schol English <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	Schol Geo <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>		MAS335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	CLS335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	
				ECO335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	
				GEO335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	
				MUS335 <i>M106 – 3 hrs</i>	
<b>Session 2 1.20 – 4.20</b>	MUS112 <i>M106 – 3 hrs</i>	GRA112 <i>Gra 1 – 2 hours</i>	FRE112 <i>M105 – 3 hours</i>	ART112 <i>Art rms – 3 hrs</i>	GEO112 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	ESL222 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	HME112 <i>Hall – 1 hour</i>	HIS112 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	DAN112 <i>Gallery – 3 hrs</i>	HIS223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	ENG223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	MAA223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	PHY223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	CHE223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	INS223 <i>Com 2 – 2 hours</i>
	PWD223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	MAO223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	FTV335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	FTV223 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	CHE335 <i>Hall - 3 hours</i>
	DRA335 <i>Gallery – 3 hours</i>	ENG335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	PHY335 <i>Hall - 3 hours</i>	HIS335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>	PWD335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	INS335 <i>Com 2 – 2 hours</i>	MAO335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>		JAP335 <i>M104 – 3 hours</i>	Schol French <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>
	Schol DTF <i>D212 – 2 hours</i>	PWD335 <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>			
	Schol History <i>Hall – 3 hours</i>				

Please note that all senior students have been given exam timetable schedules and should be actively studying. They should be aware that NCEA exams start earlier this year, so the students should look on these exams as excellent and timely prep for the real exams in early November.

Refer to page 4 for more exam/study leave information.



## NCEA NEWS

### Fees

Thursday, 1 September was the last day that all NCEA fees were accepted. **If you have not yet paid**, you must advise the school now by either phoning Linda Tarsa on 3858911 extension 872 or email her on [linda.tarsa@whs.school.nz](mailto:linda.tarsa@whs.school.nz). The fee for 2011 is \$76.70. Please note that the payment is for all internally assessed and externally assessed standards. If your child is only doing internally assessed standards you still need to pay their NCEA fee to have those credits registered with NZQA. If you wish to apply for financial assistance this can be done through student services. Late payment will incur an NZQA imposed \$50 late fee.

### Certificate Endorsement

Students will require 50 credits at Excellence to gain an NCEA endorsed with Excellence, and 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), to gain an NCEA endorsed with Merit.

Credits counting towards endorsement may be gained over more than one year and more than one level but must be gained at the level of the certificate or above. For example, Level 2 credits will count towards endorsement of a Level 1 NCEA, but Level 1 credits will not count towards endorsement of a Level 2 NCEA.

### Course Endorsement

Students will gain an endorsement for a course where they achieve:

1. 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence at the lower level that supports the endorsement
2. at least 3 credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards
3. sufficient credits in a single school year.

#### Note:

Physical Education and level 3 Visual Arts are exempt from (2) above.

### Scholarship

Scholarship Awards recognise excellence for secondary school students.

Scholarship candidates need to be enrolled full-time at a New Zealand secondary school or wharekura in the year of examination, undertaking a course in the applicable areas of learning.

There are 5 classes or levels of monetary awards. These range in value from \$500 per subject to \$10,000 each year for three years.

To be eligible for a monetary award a candidate must:

- be enrolled in tertiary study in New Zealand in the years they receive monetary awards
- maintain a 'B' grade average during their tertiary study in order for them to receive one of the monetary awards over a three year period.

All Scholarship awards will be recorded on the candidate's Record of Achievement.

### Senior Exams September 5-9 GENERAL POINTS RELATING TO STUDY LEAVE

- All students in years 11 – 13 have examination leave from Monday 5 September until Friday 9 September. Some students will be required to attend workshops for subjects that are internally assessed. Your subject teacher will talk to your student about this. Normal classes start again on Tuesday, 13 September. (Monday is a teacher only day.)
- Examination leave is to allow you to prepare for examinations, so you should be at home studying when not at school.
- Students who abuse this privilege may have their exam leave cancelled and will be required to attend school each day.
- Students who fail to attend examinations, without medical or compassionate excuse, will be required to make up missed time
- The school library is available for those who wish to study at school.

### Exam Rules

- Report to the Riley Centre at 8.40am for all morning exams
- Report to the Riley Centre at 1.00pm for all afternoon exams
- Each exam will have minimum time requirements written on the whiteboard at the front of the room.
- You may not leave any examination until the minimum time is up, nor during the last 15 minutes of the examination.
- The maximum time for all exams, except those in which internal assessment is being done, is 3 hours.
- For all Level 1 – 3 English exams, you are required to stay for the full allotted time.
- There is to be no food (water bottles are allowed) to be taken into the examination room.
- No student is to make any undue noise that might disturb other candidates.

- Cell phones are to be turned off and remain in your bag, out of sight, throughout the whole exam.
- No student is allowed to leave the examination room unless in an emergency and then only with a supervisor
- You must not take into the examination room any blank paper or written or printed material, (including information stored on programmable calculators) unless told to by your subject teacher
- No equipment is to be shared
- All exam questions are to be in blue or black pen, unless you are directed to use pencil
- No twink or correction fluid can be used on answer papers, pencil used only where directed
- Bring all the materials you will need for the exams in a clear plastic bag.

- Holding and attending safe parties is paramount to keeping adolescents safe. It is also important to know where your adolescent is, particularly after school, as this is a time when adolescents can be at great risk.
- Be informed about drugs and alcohol, educate yourself about the substances commonly used/abused by adolescents, and be aware of their legal and health implications.
- **Learn to say “NO!” to your child.** There will be times when your adolescent won't like what you say and will act as though he or she doesn't like you.

## Parents Guide for Developing Responsible Teenagers

*Listening openly to how young people feel is the key to building a good relationship And increases their willingness to talk and spend time with their parents.*

- In adolescence, the brain undergoes pronounced transformation and during this time it is particularly sensitive to alcohol and drug use. Research is becoming clearer that alcohol use at a young age is harmful and should be discouraged for at least the first three years of secondary school.
- Parents have a direct influence over their adolescent's attitude and behaviour towards alcohol use. When parents are openly permissive towards adolescent alcohol use, adolescents tend to drink more. When parents show disapproval, adolescents are less likely to drink. Parents should make their views known and set clear rules with their adolescent about alcohol and drug use. Delaying the age alcohol is first used can reduce potential problems later in life. When older adolescents use alcohol, it is important for parents to discuss harm minimisation strategies with them.
- Parenting is about encouraging adolescent resilience through understanding, and by instilling values and building trusting relationships with them.
- Putting aside time to listen to them is an important contribution to their development and builds a strong and respectful relationship.
- Despite parents' best efforts, there will be times when the problems of your adolescents seem overwhelming to them. They may be experiencing a more serious problem. If they express a lack of self worth and are persistently sad for two weeks or longer, professional help should be sought.

## Faculty News



### Bridge Building Competition

The Aurecon Bridge Building Competition was held in Wellington for the first time, and Wellington High School entered two teams from year 10. Each team was given a box of assorted materials and six weeks to make a bridge which was not only judged on the weight it could hold but also on the aesthetics, workmanship and creativity. Team 1 with Callum Hildred, Eleni Hackwell and Sasha Kapica made their bridge, but unfortunately a major portion of it broke with an un-named person sitting on it. This meant the bridge did loose strength. In the competition at Te Papa, it did manage to hold 10kg before it snapped and the team came 7<sup>th</sup> overall.



*Team 1 having their bridge tested*

Team 2 with Elis Hickson-Rowden and Samantha McLaughlin came fourth with a bridge which held 30 kg. The students not only gained an insight into the structure and design of making bridges, but now have an understanding of engineering and the career paths that it offers.



*Samantha and Elis with their awesome bridge*

### Outdoor Education

Outdoor Education students continue to experience a wide range of activities and explored many new places in the community.

Year 11 /12 ODE Students have completed an aquatic unit at the aquatic centre. The main focus in this unit is learning and developing self management strategies. Students were given a number of challenges; firstly swimming 400m in under 9mins, secondly learning to snorkel and participating in an underwater hockey competition and finishing with a scuba diving session.

The year 12 ODE class just completed a 3 day trip in the Tararuas. We attempted the jumbo circuit. This circuit is 24km long, 15 hours walk over 3 days. We stayed in huts both nights (Powell and Jumbo huts). All students are being assessed during the tramp, they are required to demonstrate navigational skills by leading a small group, map work, caring for the environment, packing correct gear and food and trip planning. We had an amazing adventure with the best weather we could ask for. The walk across the tops was from Powell to Jumbo Hut was spectacular. We had lots of snow, perfect views in every direction and no wind. The last day we woke to a foot of fresh snow and torrential rain. It was a good lesson in what the Tararuas can dish up and how important it is to be prepared.

This year we have included power kiting and land boarding into the programme. Students have learnt to fly 2, 3 and 4m kites. Some students have visited Wind Warriors in Foxton to try some 8 and 12m and tear up the beach on the land boards. They are looking forward to the next visit where Glen Butcher, a NZ pro. promises to teach them how to jump.

Any students who want to get into tramping can join the school tramping club. They offer a range of tramps to cater for every ones tramping skills. If you are interested in kiting, land boarding or kite surfing, check out Glen Butcher from Wind Warriors [www.windwarriorkitesports.com](http://www.windwarriorkitesports.com) and if you are interested in scuba diving Dave at Splash Gordon's runs one of the best dive shops in the country. [www.splashgordon.co.nz](http://www.splashgordon.co.nz)



*Class 12 ODE in the Tararuas*



*Class 11 ODE in the pool*

### From the Art Department

#### Deadlines for NCEA folio submissions

Year 11 Folios due 3 October

Year 12 Photography Folios due 7 October

Year 13 Photography, Design, Sculpture and Painting Folios due 31 October

Year 13 Scholarship Photography, Design, Sculpture and Painting due 7 November

### Library News

#### Library Lunchtime Lectures

Our lunchtime lectures, usually organised for the winter terms, attract a number of students and staff and provide our community with dynamic and inspirational speakers who are able to engage and challenge students. We are excited to have Professor Sir Swee Tan, an internationally renowned Hutt Hospital plastic surgeon, as our guest speaker on 16 September.

On 4 August, Associate Professor Jim McAloon from Victoria University School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations spoke on the topic of ***Why Take History Seriously?*** On 16 March Dr Hamish Campbell, geologist and paleontologist, spoke on New Zealand Earthquakes in response to the Christchurch February earthquake.

#### *Poetry Day*

Every year we celebrate Poetry Day in the Library with readings by students and staff of their own poems or poems they like. Students feverishly blow-up balloons before school and interval and spend time writing poems on them. These balloons are released at lunchtime and many students go to class after the readings with a collection of balloons to share with their friends. It is an enjoyable event.

#### *Book Clubs*

At the end of 2010 we began our Student Book Club. It meets every two weeks over lunch to discuss books liked and disliked and controversial issues that arise regarding books for teenagers. The discussions are lively and the club has a regular following.

This year we began a Staff Book Club. Initially it was proposed that this Club meet once a term but after the first meeting, there was a call for more frequent meetings. So now we meet twice a term. So far we have had three very enjoyable and relaxed sessions discussing what we have read. The titles discussed are published on the school's library intranet page under the heading: BookTalk.

### **Junior Young Physicists' Tournament 2011 at Wellington High School October 14th -October 17th**

The Junior Young Physicists' Tournament (JYPT) is a competition among teams of students of fifteen years of age, and under, to conduct open-ended physics research problems based upon the processes of the International Young Physicists' Tournament, IYPT. Students need to solve complicated scientific problems, to present solutions to these problems in a convincing form and to defend them in scientific discussions, called Physics Fights (PF).

The JYPT is open to schools from Australia, New Zealand and Asia. There are 11 teams entered for this year's tournament including last year's winners Onslow College, runners up All Saints Anglican School from Queensland and Incheon High School of Maths and Science from South Korea.

Wellington High have two teams again this year.

Last year we finished 8th and 9th out of 14 teams. Our Year 10 team is Frank Thrift, Charlie Hard, Stanley Sarkies, Arlo Heynes and Luke Porteous. The Year 11 team is Mitchell Reid-Tait, Lily Mason-Mackay, Conor Ivory and Maia Holder-Monk.

Any members of the school community keen to help the teams with final preparations or interested in watching the physics fights can contact Murray Chisholm at [cmm@whs.school.nz](mailto:cmm@whs.school.nz)

### **Student Exchange with Instituto San Giovanni Bosco - 11th - 21st September 2011**

20 students from Colle Val d'Elsa in Tuscany will be visiting Wellington High School this month. They are being hosted while they are here by students from Year 10 and 11, who hope to return the visit next year. A programme of events is planned for the Italian students that includes taking in a Rugby World Cup game, as well as many opportunities to experience WHS and typical kiwi activities.

Class exchanges are common in Europe and especially in Italy. The purpose of exchanges like this is to give students an opportunity to experience a different culture and lifestyle from the inside. It also allows the Italian students an opportunity to improve their English. This year's exchange visit follows the successful trip to Italy by Wellington High school pupils in 2009. It is hoped that this will become a regular exchange.  
Murray Chisholm

### **Simply Dental free Dental Service for Schools**

**Simply Dental** provide a free dental service to all students at Wellington High School. They have been providing this service to students at Wellington High since mid 2010 and have reached 460 of our students to date. Their programme includes a full dental assessment that includes digital x-rays. If further treatment is required and the student is under 16, they will ask for consent from you then transport the student to and from their facility in town. If you would like to opt out of your student receiving this service please email [admin@whs.school.nz](mailto:admin@whs.school.nz) .

### **Educational Resource for New Drivers Dear parent/caregiver**

If your teenager is learning to drive (or about to start), please read on. This can be a stressful time for both of you. But don't worry, help is at hand.

- [www.safeteedriver.co.nz](http://www.safeteedriver.co.nz) is a new FREE website to help parents and caregivers like you
- The resource was put together by the NZ Transport Agency in collaboration with a

parent/teen relationship psychologist and an expert in driving psychology

- The website has lots of great tips to help you connect with your teenager and tools to teach them how to become a safer driver.

The Graduated Driver Licence System (GDLS) is a three-step process. So the things you need to teach your teenager will change as they progress from Learner through the Restricted phase to their Full Licence.

#### **At the Learner stage:**

- Teach them the practical driving skills (in a range of conditions and situations) using the tools on the website
- In February 2012, the restricted driving test is getting harder to encourage around 120 hours of supervised practice.

#### **At the Restricted stage:**

- Young drivers are most at risk during the first 6-12 months of driving solo
- If your teenager has friends in the car with them, they're ten times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash
- Learn how to manage the risks using the tools on the website
- It may be convenient for you to let your teen break their Restricted Licence conditions but:
  - your insurance may be compromised if they breach their Restricted Licence and cause a crash
  - they could be fined \$100 and receive 35 demerit points (licence suspended for three months if they get 100 or more demerit points within two years).

#### **Your teenager still needs you**

It can be hard communicating with teenagers. But you're still a positive influence on them, even though it might not feel like it at times.

So it's important you get involved with your teenager's driving education and stay involved until they have a Full Licence.

Visit [www.safeteedriver.co.nz](http://www.safeteedriver.co.nz) to use the tools and help your teenager become a safer driver.

If you don't have the internet, you can order hard copy resources.

For the Learner phase call 0800 772 284 to sign up to Practice.

For the Restricted phase call 0800 822 422 for a Safe Teen Driver pack.

#### **Vote for Ash Graham's Olympic Song**

The New Zealand Olympic Team are searching for the soundtrack of the nation and they are asking New Zealand to choose a song to be the official anthem for our team at the London Olympic Summer Games. Ash Graham wrote a song called 'People of Black and White'. This is what Ash said

when asked why he wrote the song: "In history we have realised that I doesn't matter how big we are or how big our nation is, together we can achieve measures greater than ourselves. We can be proud to be the little voice heard in a big stadium"

If you have Facebook, can you please go the NZ Olympic Team page and click NZ2012 Contests, select Anthem, then click the tick box beside 'People of Black and White' by Ash Graham, you will then be asked to confirm your details and click OK. You can vote each day and you go into the draw to WIN prizes like a trip for two to London with exclusive games access.

[http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/nzolympicteam?sk=app\\_164057746984086](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/nzolympicteam?sk=app_164057746984086)

Please share this on your Facebook pages, Twitter etc. and help us get Ash's song to the top.

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## **Congratulations**

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### **40 Hour Famine**

Congratulations to **Sophie Lloyd** who is the winner of the 40 Hour Famine competition and will receive a prize of \$200.

### **Debating**

The senior premier B debating team won their semi-final and will be competing in the final next week. **Oscar Battell-Wallace, Ailidh Leslie and Merinda Jackson** have had a great season and we wish them luck.

### **Mathswell Competition**

The first of the inter-school Mathswell competitions was held on Tuesday 30th August. Our year 11 team of **Rian McManamon, Gareth Jones and Ryan Addison-Jones** are to be congratulated on coming 4th out of the 22 schools from the Wellington region who took part. This is the best result we have had for many years. Well done, boys.

### **New Zealand Programming Contest**

Another great year for our computer programmers **Aiden Sheehy, Zach Sim and Thomas Beneteau** formed the top Wellington school team and came 4th in the New Zealand Programming Contest. This year we had 4 teams, a large contingent. All 12 students involved in the competition did well and have been invited to



participate in the New Zealand IOI (International Olympiad in Informatics) training camp.

This year we have two teams entered in the National Robocup competition. Both teams are competing in the robot rescue competition at *Capital-E in Wellington*. Our year 9 team, **Efe Guven, Arthur Lafferty, Eddyn Perkins Treacher** and **Josh Weir**, scored 84 in a regional practice competition. All participants enjoyed the practice competition held at Tawa College and are looking forward to the nationals.

### **Congratulations to high achieving junior scientists**

The ICAS suite of tests is developed by the University of New South Wales and evaluates students' skills, knowledge and understanding in the core learning areas. The tests are sat by students throughout Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

59 of our year 9 and 10 students sat the science ICAS this year. We are very proud of our 33 Credit winners. Their certificates will be presented at level assemblies. 7 of our students gained a very impressive distinction award. Well done to **Harry Grimwood** and **Sylvia Thomas-Edmond** for gaining distinction in the year 10 test. And in year 9 we celebrate distinction certificates earned by **Tess Breitenmoser, Callun Macrae, Eleni McCallum, Eddyn Perkins-Treacher** and **Christopher Visser-Lee**. These students were presented with their awards at the last school assembly.

### **Former WHS students who recently graduated from Massey University.**

Yussuf Khalif, 2003, Bachelor of Business Studies  
William Rutherford, 2004, Master of Science  
Una Smith, 1991, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts  
Una Smith, 1991, Bachelor of Arts  
Tim Barlow, 1982, Master of Fine Arts  
Thomas Doig, 2004, Bachelor of Design with Honours  
Tessa Moxey, 2004, Bachelor of Design with Honours  
Tessa Levett, 1992, Bachelor of Arts (Humanities)  
Sean Brennan, 2005, Bachelor of Engineering  
Sarah Overdale, 2000, Bachelor of Science (Honours)  
Rhyan Moloney, 2009, Certificate of University Preparation  
Rebecca Bramley, 1998, Bachelor of Health Science (Honours)  
Rayward Chung, 1968, Diploma in Business Studies  
Nicholas Buckley, 2003, Bachelor of Design  
Montess Hughes, 2005, Diploma in Photography

*DON'T FORGET: should you lose this newsletter, go to our website [www.whs.school.nz](http://www.whs.school.nz)*

Michelle Pedersen, 1996, Graduate Diploma in Arts  
Michael Corlett, 2005, Bachelor of Design  
Louisa Armstrong, 2000, Graduate Diploma in Fine Arts  
Lilith Korndorffer, 1988, Bachelor of Arts  
Katherine Hamill, 1987, Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)  
Karen Bennett, 1987, Diploma in Business Studies  
John Bourke, 2000, Bachelor of Arts  
Jieren Zheng, 2001, Bachelor of Construction  
Jessica Murphy, 2006, Bachelor of Design  
Janesha Bhana, 2002, Bachelor of Nursing (Student Nurses)  
Hannah Whattam, 2005, Bachelor of Music NZSM  
Hannah Milward, 2003, Diploma in Exercise Science  
Fetah Mukhtar, 2008, Certificate of University Preparation  
Eric Mattlin, 1997, Postgraduate Diploma in Banking  
Emma Williams, 1989, Postgraduate Diploma in Business and Administration  
Emma Beer, 2006, Bachelor of Communication  
Deidra Sullivan, 1992, Master of Fine Arts  
David Annals, 2002, Postgraduate Certificate in Business  
Charles Turner, 2002, Bachelor of Business Studies  
Antonia Bettany, 1995, Bachelor of Midwifery (Student Midwives)  
Anna Mason-Mackay, 2002, Certificate in Arts  
Amy Pietersma, 1996, Doctor of Philosophy (Sciences)

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## **Sports News**

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### **Congratulations to:**

- **Matthew MacDiarmid** who represented his judo club at the Wellington Region's Open tournament winning two gold medals and a bronze medal in his weight division. Matthew had about 14 fights so it was a full on day's work. The tournament was attended by a team from New Caledonia. Matthew will be attending a judo workshop in Tasmania, Australia.
- **Junior Badminton Champs** competitors – **Sam Forman & Jackson Croft, Elis Hickson-Rowden & Jeremy Sutton** competed in the doubles and **Christy Kimble** in the singles.
- WHS Senior Boys Table Tennis team were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in CSW Premier Division. The team members were **Nick Chen, Tony Dang, Robert Foon & Louis Ng**.

- **Well High Senior Girls' Team 3 Badminton** who won their way into the Regional Finals which were played at Badminton Hall. The team beat Upper Hutt College and then narrowly lost to Tawa in the Grand Final, 4-3. Well done team.



*Scarlett O'Callaghan, Tina Chen-Xu, Morgan Christy-Jones, Lillian Savage, Tessa Davies and Lucy O'Connell*

- A number of Wellington High students have recently competed in both the CSW Table Tennis Teams and Singles Championships. The senior boys' team competed strongly supported by Stanley Sarkies.



*Stanley Sarkies in action*

- Winner of the Term 2 Year 9 Interclass Volleyball competition- **Riley 1**



*Riley 1 Year 9 Volleyball team*

- Thanks and congratulations go to **Felix Borthwick** who represented Wellington High on a student panel at the Regional Sport Director's conference held in the holidays. Felix gave a

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student take on the topic "Nah I don't do sport" in a very eloquent and entertaining manner. The Regional Sport Directors found it very valuable to have the opportunity to hear straight from students themselves. Well done, Felix.

- Correction to a sports report in the previous newsletter - **Rennie Pearson and Lily Mason Mackay** were representatives and triallists in **ULTIMATE** not handball as was reported.

## WELLINGTON HIGH SPORT FINALISTS

The following teams will be playing in finals over the next week. Congratulations on winning your way into the final and good luck to all teams.

### FOOTBALL

- Well High Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> XI** - vs HIBS, Wednesday 31 August, 5.15pm on Wakefield
- Well High Boys' 4<sup>th</sup> XI** - vs St Pats, Sat 3 Sept at 9am on Rongotai 5
- Well High Boys' Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> XI** - vs HIBS 2, Sat 3 Sept at 9am on Rongotai 6

### NETBALL

- Well High Junior A** - vs Wgtn Girls, Sat 3 Sept at 9.20am on court 3

The **Junior A** netball team competed in the CSW Junior Netball Champs at Taita courts on August 11. This was a full day of netball with 6 games being played. The team found the day very challenging but it was a great day for development. Congratulations to the coaches **Annika Bowley & Ruci Tueli** for the work they have done with this team.



*Junior A Netball*

### **JUNIOR WATER POLO**

We have a team currently competing in the term 3 junior competition but **MORE PLAYERS ARE NEEDED**. If you want to know more see Di Jordan in the Sports Office or Karen Saunders (coach) in Hospitality. Training is on a Monday morning and games are on a Wednesday evening.

## GET 2 GO

Wellington High was represented recently in the annual junior outdoor pursuits interschool competition. This is a full day event covering rock climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and orienteering. The team was supported by **Brook Rapson**.

### Year 9 Team

Paratene Cowlin  
Maggie Blackburn  
Ruairi Cahill-Fleury  
Kasey Leary

### Year 10 Team

Lily Carter  
Zac Blakely  
Jeremy Sutton  
Rhiannon Saxon

## FENCING

A reminder to all that fencing is still on. Welly High students are encouraged to continue to attend and more players are welcome. Fencing is held in the gym on a Saturday morning, beginners at 9am and advanced at 10.15am.

## SMALLBORE RIFLE

It has been a great term for target shooting. Wellington High fielded a strong team of six shooters in the Wellington regional competition, **Harry Grimwood, Zac Feehan, Bryden Frizzell, Tyler Green, Walter Jay and Ahren Leufkens**. **Bryden** shot a 95 out of 100 in the second round. The team came 9th in the competition. **Bryden, Ahren and Tyler** will be our team in the nationals in October. Our team was ranked 5th in the country resting on a block last year but the national competition will be unsupported shooting (ie with a sling only) so our shooters will be competing at the highest level. **Geoff and Barry** from the South Wellington Smallbore Club are working hard with all the shooters to bring out their full potential. The club fees have been used to buy two new jackets and slings. The highest score so far this year was achieved by **Bryden Frizzell** 100.5, a fantastic achievement.

Vince Brannigan

## STAFF VS STUDENT SPORT FIXTURES

At the time of print three out of five of the annual fixtures have been played. While not over yet things are looking good for the staff. Results to date are:

Basketball Staff win 58-22

Netball Staff win 35-27

Volleyball Staff win 2-0 (25-22, 25-17)

## VISIT FROM GOLDEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 24 August Wellington High hosted a girls' football team from Golden Bay.

We put on a stunning day and a great occasion. The team played against our girls' 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and left Welly High with a 1 nil victory. The game was followed by an afternoon tea. Huge thanks to **Jenny Whiting, Jo Leary and Neal Palmer** for their assistance and involvement in this very enjoyable event.

## ATIAWA TOA FM LIVE SPORTS PROGRAMME

Wellington High featured in a one hour special on Wednesday 3 August. The following students spoke about sport at WHS and their personal sporting achievements. They were a real credit to the school and their families – **Ruci Tueli, Ruairi Cahill-Fleury, Azalia Cowlin, Izaac O'Hara and Rennie Pearson**. You can listen to them by checking out the Atiawa Toa FM facebook page.

## TOURNAMENTS

The boys' and girls' 1<sup>st</sup> XI football teams have just returned from competing in NZ Secondary School tournaments. Sincere thanks are extended to those staff members and parents who travelled and assisted with the management/organisation of the tournaments.

**Boys – Richard Steel, Rene Duindam, Emma Hickson, Ashley Rowden**

**Girls – Ben Frean, Kirsty Chamberlain, Leigh Henderson, Caroline Holden, Di Jordan**

Although on the same points as Taradale College the boys' team missed the cut into the top section by a difference of one goal. During the week they had 3 games that went to penalty shoot outs. Special mention goes to goalkeeper **Pedro Marcondes De Almedia** for his exceptional keeping in the shootouts, letting in only 6.

The girls' team had a great week of development. The team is quite young and the future looks very exciting. **Azalia Cowlin** received MVP of the tournament for Wellington High.

Both teams were spoken of very highly by the accommodation managers and supporters. An example of feedback follows.

*"The boys were an absolute credit to your school. They behaved so well all the time, were polite and respectful, and were thankful of all the help provided by the visiting parents. Their team connectiveness, spirit and support for each other was an absolute pleasure to experience. The school should be proud of them all."*

## WELLINGTON HIGH SPORTS AWARDS

Celebrating the sporting year and recognising those who have contributed and excelled

in their chosen sport(s). You have helped to make 2011 a successful sporting year, we hope you are able to join us to celebrate these achievements.

To all parents, caregivers, friends, neighbours and members of the community please accept this as your personal invitation to attend the 2011 Wellington High Sports Awards.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 6 October 2011</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Riley Centre, Wellington High School</b>

The guest speaker this year is **Cameron Calkoen**. Cam comes with very inspirational messages applicable to both sport and life in general. Check him out on his website [www.camcalkoen.com](http://www.camcalkoen.com)

### SUMMER SPORT

Due to the variation in school term dates in 2011 summer sport will be commencing towards the end of term 3. Information will be provided in the daily notices and via year level assemblies. Students are welcome to visit the Sports Office for information at any time.

### ALL WELLINGTON HIGH SPORTS UNIFORMS MUST BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

#### Draws, Results & Cancellations

For information about all College Sport Wellington competitions check the CSW website – [www.collegesport.org.nz](http://www.collegesport.org.nz)

For any further information or to tell me about your out of school activities and successes I can be contacted by any of the following:  
Office: 8027677 Cell: 027 2106087  
Email: [sport@whs.school.nz](mailto:sport@whs.school.nz)

**Di Jordan**  
Sports Co-ordinator

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## Community News

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### Community Education

**NZ Sign Language and Te Reo Maori** continue to be very popular classes. As I write, each is full or

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close to it with new beginner classes (not previously advertised) added this term. In Term 3 we have a total of 155 adults taking these courses. The demand for both NZ Sign Language and Te Reo Maori language continues to be very strong.

**New Courses in Term 3.** Fifty Six courses are yet to start from 31 August and onwards.

**Wise Investing** is a course worth attention for people considering how best to handle any extra dollars.

**Writing for Children** will interest those with a creative literary streak.

**Starting or Redeveloping a Small Business** meets the need of budding business entrepreneurs.

**Cooking – Everyday Entertaining** is a must for those keen on Master Chef and wanting to try some tricky tastes in the kitchen!

Again, enrolment is open now for those courses yet to start in this present term as well as for the over 200 courses starting in October. These can be viewed directly online [www.cecwellington.ac.nz](http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz) or phone us (Ph 385 8919)



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## **Inverloch Art School**

Inverloch Art School offers a comprehensive range of childrens' after school classes in art and craft, creative sewing, and cartooning. If you are interested in finding out more, talk to Mark on 939 2177 between 9am am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday or email [manager@inverloch.org.nz](mailto:manager@inverloch.org.nz). The school welcomes parents visiting to see the facilities for themselves.

## **Quiz Invite – What do you know about broadcasting standards in New Zealand?**

If you would like to take part in a short quiz about broadcasting standards in New Zealand please visit [www.bsquiz.net.nz](http://www.bsquiz.net.nz). The quiz is fun and informative. It will test your knowledge of, and also let you know more about, broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

The quiz is being run on behalf the Broadcasting Standards Authority. We hope that you get lots of answers right and also learn more about broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

Kind regards  
The BSA quiz team

## **Job opportunity for Students with Kelly Club in the October holidays**

Kelly Sports runs full-time childcare programmes for **girls and boys aged 5 – 12** every holiday. We provide high quality, stimulating, active programmes to keep kids happy and on-the-go all through the holidays. We are OSCAR and CYF approved and pride ourselves on the quality of our staff, training and the programmes we offer.

Staff need to be enthusiastic, responsible, mature and enjoy working with kids. Experience babysitting/with younger siblings coaching/refereeing or any kind of work with children will be preferred but all applicant's will be considered.

The vacancies are for full and part-time jobs in the Wilton and Berhampore areas (2 different Kelly Clubs) no license/vehicle is required, full training and uniform are provided. Our work provides great experience for any student interested in teaching or childcare and is a great way to develop skills, life

experience and organizational skills. Plus our team is great, our kids are lovely and the work is fun!

To apply please email [wgtm@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:wgtm@kellysports.co.nz) and include a cover letter, CV and full contact information.

## *Wellington High School*

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Pamela Braddell 04 385 8911 x 843  
[pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz](mailto:pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz)

## **Kilbirnie/Lyall Bay Plunket Fundraiser: Recycle Baby - Second Hand Sale**

Kilbirnie/Lyall Bay Plunket fundraiser on Saturday September 3rd from 11am-1pm at St Patrick's Parish Hall, 17 Rongotai Road, Kilbirnie.

A great opportunity to grab a bargain.

Gold coin donation entry

- Plenty of stalls selling second hand baby clothes, toys and accessories
- Yummy cakes and coffee including cake donated by Floriditas
- Fabulous raffle - prizes include: Weekend at a Waikanae Beach Bach, \$50 Commonsense Organics Voucher, Reading Cinemas Double Movie Pass and a \$20 Hey George Voucher
- DJ Liberty Valance

## **Tax Refunds**

IRD would like to remind students and parents that they may be due a refund. This applies to students who earned less than \$14,000 last year and to parents who made school donations or who paid for childcare or housekeeper payments. To find out more, please check [www.ird.govt.nz/moneyback](http://www.ird.govt.nz/moneyback)

## Outdoor Pursuits

Fancy an exciting holiday programme involving activities like sea kayaking, rock climbing, sailing, caving, tramping, surf kayaking, mountaineering or coasteering? The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand currently has [50% scholarships](#) available for school holiday programmes. Check out [www.opc.org.nz](http://www.opc.org.nz) for more details.

## Looking for something to do October

**Holidays?** - Gain great skills, get a job reference and have lots of fun giving back to the community. Give a couple of your days next holiday to volunteer at the Newtown School Holiday Programme! The Holiday programme will run on weekdays from 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011. Transport costs will be covered and training provided (for those age 16 and above only) contact Cathy for further information - [newtownshp@gmail.com](mailto:newtownshp@gmail.com)  
022 659 8942

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### Term 3 Calendar 2011

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 6	4 September	5 September He Kakano 2 3.30 - HoFs meet	6 September He Kakano 2 Y9-10 Learning Conversations 2	7 September	8 September	9 September Y11 Learning Conversations 2	10 September
	Senior exam week						
Week 7	11 September	12 September <b>Teacher Only Day</b> – Margaret Thorsborne restorative practices Y9G option rotation	13 September 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	14 September Acceptances of Y9 2012 ballot places today	15 September Y11/12/13 Music solo performance day	16 September 12.30 – Library lunch with Prof Swee Tan	17 September
	18 September Wearable Art DTF installations	19 September 3.30 - HoFs meet	20 September 8.30 – Staff PD 10.00 –Y11 Maths CAT in Riley centre	21 September 3.30 – faculty admin	22 September	23 September Y9E/F opts on portal Senior reports sent home / subject choice booklet 1.00 – BIO335 trip to Zoo	24 September
Week 8	25 September	26 September <b>6.00 – BOT meet</b>	27 September 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	28 September 3.30 – staff meeting – Maori achievement	29 September CREST presentations - FTE	30 September	1 October
	Y12 Drama performance (HEA) – 7pm						
Week 9	2 October <b>ACE ends</b>	3 October Hamburger National Competitions Y11 Art folios due <b>3.30-7.00: Senior report evening</b>	4 October 8.30 – Staff PD 11.20 – school assembly 1.20 – Y11/12 future focus in hall	5 October 8.45 – Y10 future focus – Art/Tech 3.30 – faculty PD	6 October 11.00 – Sports prizegiving	7 October End of semester 2 Y12 Art folios due Y11-13 subject choices completed on moodle Whiwhinga sent home	8 October Magazine articles deadline
	Y13 scripted scenes in Drama room						
Holidays	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 October	14 October	15 October
	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October	21 October	22 October
	23 October	24 October	25 October Start of term 4	26 October	27 October	28 October	29 October