

Wellington High School

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2012 FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Greetings Everyone



Nigel Hanton - Principal

This is a very exciting time for us as we start enrolling the next generation of young learners who will join us at the beginning of 2013. We have really enjoyed the opportunity of hosting school groups of Year 8 students at our school, and our Open Evening was a fantastic event....as it always is!

Places are filling up fast in the junior school, but there are a small number of vacancies in senior levels for students who have a clear learning intention and are well motivated to learn. It has long been a pattern that students from other schools seek our special kind of opportunity as they progress through their senior years. We are happy to talk to them if we can offer them what they are seeking. If you know of youngsters who are thinking of making the transition encourage them to talk to us soon so that our planning can take into account their needs. We are excited about our future.

Le Cordon Bleu Scholarship Winner



Jackson Hamilton at work

Jackson Hamilton in Year 13 was nominated for The Bachelor of Culinary Arts and Business Young Achiever Scholarship through Le Cordon Bleu earlier this year. He was successful in his application and has been awarded a scholarship to study at this internationally renowned school for three years with his full fees paid (\$72,300).

His attitude towards Hospitality and enthusiasm to develop his skills over the last two years earned him the nomination from his teacher. He can be extremely proud of what he has achieved and we wish him all the best when he starts at the end of August 2012.

Fashion winner



Sam Mitchell's winning design

Sam Mitchell in Yr 9 was announced the National NZ winner of the Erin Simpson Fashion competition on TV2. The competition involved submitting six different fashion designs in an illustration format. All the entrant designs were put up on the show's website and people could vote. It was then whittled down to 24 designs and then the top four. Sam's evening dress with a corseted bodice was one of the top four designs and it was manufactured into a garment that a professional model wore on the show. Sam went down to Christchurch to see her designs being filmed. Two judges from the fashion industry then carefully analysed the four designs and picked a winner. Sam's first prize includes an all-expenses paid trip to New Zealand Fashion week and the opportunity to see some of the top New Zealand designer shows.

Hospitality Winners Off To Toque de Or



Ella Esau and Lara Dally

As the winners of a Gold and Silver medal, Lara Dally and Ella Esau will be representing WHS in Auckland at the National Culinary fair. The girls have shown their skills at a recent cooking competition hosted by the NZ Chefs association and each have achieved the first place in their sections. Lara won a gold medal for her Salmon Main dish and Ella a Silver medal for Formal Table setting. We wish them all the best as they travel to Auckland on 18 August for the National competition.

NZ Beef and Lamb Burger Competition



Josh Richards-Wylie

Schools select their best junior student and best senior student to represent them at the NZ Beef and Lamb burger competition regional finals at the end of Term Two. Winners from each region then go on to compete in the grand final in Term Three. Josh Richards-Wylie won the regional competition and he and Sophia Knott will represent WHS at the national competition in Auckland on the 24th of September. Good luck to our two budding chefs.

Bridge Building



Efe Guven and his bridge

Wellington High School students from Yr 10 attended the Aurecon Bridge Building Competition as part of the Science Enrichment Program. There were 20 groups from 9 High schools in Wellington for the Trans Tasman competition. Efe Guven's bridge carried 10.2kg, and Eddyn Perkins-Treacher's bridge carried 4.5kg. The team were placed fifth in an exciting competition

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New Management at Café proving to be a big hit!



We are pleased to announce that the School Café is now run by Mindy Wu, the owner of the successful and well known Asiana Cooking School. Mindy's objective is to "provide tasty and wholesome food that is freshly made on the premises at an affordable price." She can also provide for special dietary requirements such as vegetarian or gluten free food, on request. The menu changes regularly to keep it varied and interesting. Samples include butter chicken pies, macaroni cheese, chicken fried noodles, wraps/sandwiches, chocolate and/or carrot cupcakes and caramel slice.

Creative writing events and successes



Workshop with Anna Jackson

On Tuesday of the last week of Term 2, poet and university lecturer Anna Jackson kindly shared her skills with a group of students, ranging from year 9 to year 13. Anna helped the students workshop their poems and gave generously both of her time and her critical skills.



Arthur Lafferty

Two of the students then went on to gain critical acclaim outside of the school. Year 10 student Arthur Lafferty was 'commended' in the junior section of the New Zealand Poetry Society competition judged by Bernadette Hall, who ran a poetry workshop at the school last year and selected our 2011 poetry board winners (these can be viewed on the level 4 linkwell). Arthur's poem 'To be a Wellingtonian' includes the following pertinent advice:

"To be a Wellingtonian you need to be friendly to foreign visitors, deal with monotonous politics and withstand wind speeds of up to 248 kilometres per hour."



Arie Bates-Hermans

Arie Bates-Hermans, year 13, was one of the ten finalists in the National Schools Poetry Award 2012 judged by Ian Wedde. His poem 'Queen's Horse' was written in his year 12 Painted Word class. He has been invited to attend the Poetry Masterclass at the International Institute of Modern Letters, Victoria University in September. This is a huge honour, as only 10 students are selected from all over New Zealand.

NZ Programming Competition



This year we entered three teams in the New Zealand Programming Competition; Daniel Sepulveda, Kieran Daniel, Liam O'Neil, Daniel Braithwaite, Jack Bannister-Sutton, Bryden Frizzell, Kate Henderson, Michael Sirvid, and Nikolai Artemiev. After five hours of gruelling programming in teams of three, our top teams came second equal with Onslow in the Wellington Region and 11th nationally out of a field of 22 school teams.

Europe Trip 2013

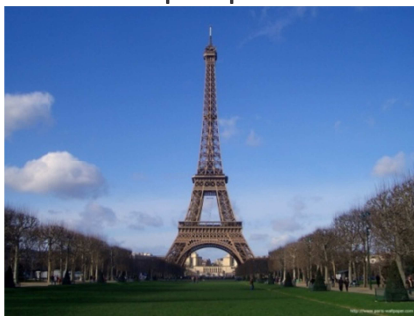


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Art, Fashion, Graphics, Food, Hospitality, Design students - Europe Trip 2013 is coming and specially designed for your interests. Cook with French chefs, eat food you never knew existed, see the brush strokes of Van Gogh, learn how to make couture, talk to famous architects...so much to see and do. Don't miss out.

If you want to be part of this trip, see Ms Merrick in Fashion or Mrs Van in Food or email whs.europe.trip@gmail.com. Confirmation deposits for trip of \$550 due Thursday, 30 August.

Pasifika Artist in Residence Workshop



Janet Lilo- Pasifika artist

A group of Wellington High art students will be taking part in a Pasifika artist in residence workshop held at the College of Creative Arts, Massey in week 5. Artist Janet Lilo is a social commentator whose artistic documentary practice is grounded in the local while simultaneously being informed by global media and popular culture. This workshop will offer an interesting and fun challenge to make new work from scratch using a mystery brief, random materials and a strict timeframe in which to complete it. It should be a great session for our creative-minded and Pasifika students.

High Achieving Junior Scientists



Callum Macrae and Kaya Sellen

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. 62 Yrs 9 and 10 students sat the science ICAS this year. We are proud of the 29 Credit winners. 9 students gained a very impressive Distinction award. Well done to James Matheson, Shakked Noy and Jack Tregiga for gaining distinction in the Yr 9 test. And in Yr 10 we celebrate distinction certificates earned by Tess Breitenmoser, Scott Dench, Ted Holmsted-Scott, Jack Power, Christopher Visser-Fee and Henk Wilcock.

This year we also gained two High Distinction awards reserved for the top 1% of all candidates. Callum Macrae in Yr 10 and Katya Sellen in year 9 can be justifiably proud of a stellar performance. Heartiest congratulations from the science team. You two rock!

Art News

Year 11 Art folios are due 28 September. An exhibition of the folios will be held in Term 4.

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