

Wellington High School

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2012 FROM THE

Library News



National Burger Champion



Josh Richards-Wylie presents his winnings to Nigel Hanton

With his smoked capsicum salsa beef burger Josh made no song and dance about showing New Zealand how to make a good burger. No, when he took the floor he applied skill and confidence and within an hour he presented two servings of his beef burger and straight away swept the judges off their feet. Josh was awarded with a gold medal and the title of National Junior. Burger Champion in the annual New Zealand Beef and Lamb Burger competition held in Auckland. To reward him for his effort his prize included \$500 for himself and \$1000 for the school. Well done, Josh.

Winning Poetry



Anna Hill

Congratulations to Year 11 student Anna Hill whose clever poem, 'One Large Flat White To Go Please', was among the winners in the recent EAT YOUR WORDS POETRY COMPETITION organised by Whitireia Creative Writing Programme. Anna's poem can be found in *Eat Your Words*, an anthology of poems inspired by Wellington's cafe culture.

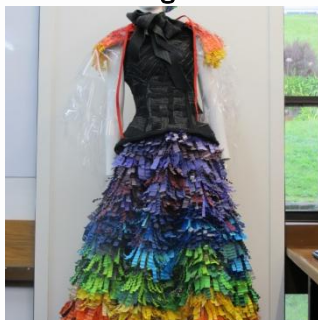
Junior Young Physics Tournament



Callum MacRae

Ever wondered why a coin spins the way it does or exactly what is the fastest way to empty a bottle? These were just a couple of the problems in this year's JYPT (Junior Young Physics Tournament) competition in Hobart, Tasmania. JYPT is debating crossed with Physics, so students aren't just presenting their findings, they are defending them and opposing other teams findings in front of a panel of judges. Once again the WHS JYPT team of Tess Breitenmoser, Luke Porteous, Arlo Heynes and Callum MacRae has had great success, coming in second place in an eight team international tournament.

WHS WOWs Wellington



Tess Norquay's dress

Go check out the couture fashion that is on display by the talented Emma Kapica, Tess Norquay, Claudia Redmond, and Louisa Marschner. See their work at Te Papa in Cable St, Met Shop in Cuba St, Hurricane Jeans in Manners St, and Kirkcaldie and Stains in Brandon St. They are part of the Wellington City Council WOW walk around the city and have been featured in the Dominion Post.

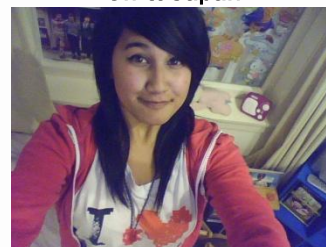


Library Week debate audience

August 27-31 was Library Week at Wellington High. There were quizzes, Blind Date with a Book and a fabulous debate between students and teachers. The moot was *The Green Slip System Should be Abolished*. The teachers had to take the affirmative side so their win was popular with the very large student audience. Students also judged a competition of haiku written by teachers and the winner was drama teacher Alison Hodge with:

lonely maths teacher
seeks constant coefficient
for balanced equation

Off to Japan



Teuila 'Ofamo'Oni-Ah Hi

Teuila 'Ofamo'Oni-Ah Hi is lucky enough to be one of 15 students throughout New Zealand to get a Language Immersion Award. Next year she will be heading to Japan for 6 months, attending school, living with a local family and developing an insight into their way of life. These awards are funded through the NZ Government's Growth and Innovation Framework, which supports the development of language skills considered necessary for New Zealand to move toward a globally connected knowledge economy.

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Year 9 Science Enrichment



Daniel Hodder outside the new "green zoo-green you" exhibition

On a beautiful calm spring morning 33 students hit the zoo to find out what just what role the zoo plays in modern times. We learnt about the breeding programmes the zoo is involved with and how it is working to save endangered species. The zoo also has a strong conservation focus and pushes the environmental sustainability message. We had a sneak preview of the "green zoo - green you" exhibit.

Steve Gurney works with Junior PE Enrichment students



Steve Gurney at work in the Pavilion

Earlier this term, 25 of our top Physical Education students had a visit from one of NZ's greatest multi sport athletes, Steve Gurney. Steve was a professional multisport athlete most known for winning the Coast to Coast race a record 9 times. During his interactive workshop, Steve shared his strategies for success, the use of neuro linguistic programming (the study of success and excellence), and discussed the importance of innovation in training and sport.

The students took so much from the workshop and are looking forward to their next session, which involves participating in and observing a full VO2 max gas analysis test.

Gateway

THANK YOU to all the Businesses and Companies who support the Gateway Programme:



Floyd Garland at Jade Artisans - Paekakariki

Aubert Early Childhood Centre, Ballentynes - Manners Street, Farmers - Kilbirnie, Lambton Quay, Habitual Fix - Featherston Street, Hair International - Lambton Quay, Jade Artisans - Paekakariki, Jam Hair Design, Jaycar Electronics, Logan Brown Restaurant - Cuba St, Mojo Cafe - Thorndon, Featherston Street, Airport, Monitor NZ, Newtown Auto Electrical, Paper Bag Princess - Cuba St, Paws in the City, Polyhigh Early Childhood Centre, Ray Hartley Motors, Red Cross Shop - Kilbirnie, Salvation Army Store - Johnsonville, TeKainganui Early Childhood Centre, Terrace Villas, The Warehouse - Tory St, Wellington Indoor Sport, Wildlocks Hair Salon, Zeal

Please keep these businesses in mind when you are looking for services.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



WHS celebrated *Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori* (Māori Language Week) earlier this term by running daily events from the school wharenui. Taraika was brimming with life as students spent their lunchtime enjoying Te Reo, which included activities such as a te reo scavenger hunt, a 'learn a waiata' session, a spelling bee with Māori words, and a lunchtime concert in the foyer. The week ended with a free sausage sizzle for those who had learned several of the Māori phrases which had appeared in the daily school notices during the week. Arohatiate Reol!

Year 10 Science Enrichment



Tess Breitenmoser, Raphaella Holder, Monk and Henry Strathdee

The heavens may have opened on the group of 27 students en route to the Carter Observatory but a panoply of stars awaited them. In the domed planetarium they found themselves on a spectacular journey through the wildest weather in the solar system. They experienced events like methane showers on Titan and being rained on by huge diamonds on Neptune. Safely back on Earth they experienced the Wellington night sky at dusk and then dawn. The resident astronomer showed them how to track down asteroids on computers, using actual data gathered by the Liverpool telescope situated in the Canary Islands.

Shake Out



At 9.26 on September 26, along with the rest of the country, Wellington High School participated in a national earthquake drill. Students dropped, covered and held, and then evacuated to our school field. Term 4 will see a focus on emergency preparedness in the junior school.

School Notices

NZQA All payments need to be made directly to NZQA, 125 The Terrace. The school will not accept any payments towards this fee now.

The Flannel

The first issue of the Flannel went on sale recently. If any family would still like to purchase a copy there are some still available at the school office. Just \$3.

