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Academic development and success is based on a student's abilities and potential. This is at the heart of a Wentworth education. Individual attention is given to the academic growth of each student as she or he moves through the College, as well as to their interest and prowess in sport, the arts and cultural activities.

2014 began with rewarding and encouraging news with the results from the 2013 Cambridge examinations. Pleasing success was achieved across the school by our IGCSE, AS and A Level students with a number of outstanding results. Three high-achieving Wentworth College students received recognition for their efforts in the **Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards** ceremony held at Westlake Boys' High School this term. Greer Donovan, Matthias Balzat and Lily James were awarded certificates and monetary prizes for attaining **Top in New Zealand** in their respective subjects: IGCSE Drama, AS Art and Design: Graphic Design, and AS Music. There are 60 schools – including large Auckland schools - currently offering Cambridge qualifications around New Zealand. Wentworth College was one of only nine schools to have three or more students win awards for achieving the top mark in the country.

Matthias Balzat is also to be congratulated for taking joint first place in a prestigious annual concerto competition held in Christchurch. He played William Walton's Cello Concerto. Matthias, who is just 14 years of age, has this year gone straight to Waikato University to pursue his music. He was one of fifty-four competitors in the competition - including university music graduates. Matthias also won the People's Choice prize.

Each year, Year 13 students who achieve outstanding results in the November Cambridge examinations are invited to attend the **Wentworth Scholars' Assembly** to receive recognition for their examination successes. This year we congratulated five alumni - Ida de Smet, Jerry Ren, Jurgens van Zyl, Marina Shannon and Jemma Dixon. Each received a Scholar's badge and an engraved pen to acknowledge their results. The school had the opportunity to listen to their advice and comments on how they achieved academic success throughout their time at Wentworth. Our Scholars also assisted in presenting the Academic Excellence and Diligence badges to our 2014 Years 12 and 13 students.

Ida de Smet:

AS Physical Education - A, 88%
AS Physics - A, 87%
AL Mathematics - A, 83%
AL Art & Design - A, 80%

Marina Shannon:

AS Biology - A, 81%
AS Economics - A, 86%
AL Chemistry - B, 70%
AL English Literature - A, 84%

Jurgens van Zyl:

AL Chemistry - A*, 91%
AL Physics - A*, 90%
AL Mathematics - A*, 92%

Jerry Ren:

AS Psychology - A, 80%
AL Physics - B, 78%
AL Economics - A*, 90%
AL Mathematics - A, 88%

Jemma Dixon:

AL Physical Education - A, 82%
AL English Literature - A*, 92%
AL History - A*, 90%

AS (Advanced Subsidiary) = Year 12;
AL (full A Level) = Years 12/13.

Congratulations to all our successful scholars; we wish them the very best as they embark on their University life.

It is important to acknowledge that it is not just the achievements of the academically gifted that we champion. We are equally excited and professionally rewarded to see those students from across the academic continuum who have worked diligently and gained wonderful success by achieving to their potential and beyond. Teachers at Wentworth work hard and strive to understand each and every student, and to guide and encourage each student to develop a sound work ethic and output that ensures them the greatest opportunity for success.



Outstanding Cambridge Learners awards ceremony

Student Leadership

I had the great pleasure, early in the term, of announcing the names of the 2014 Prefects and House Captains. They are as follows:



Prefects

Head Boy - Chris Everitt,

Head Girl- Sarah Haggerty

Deputy Head Boy – Cullen Rhind, Deputy Head Girl – Lucy Murden.

Prefect Team: Laura Banyard, Morgan Borrett, Colin Eikenaar, Mitch Grant, Rhodes Jensen, Anna Riksen, Stephanie Watts, Maddie Woodd.

Each Prefect has specific responsibilities. These roles allow our senior leaders an opportunity to learn and experience the concept of leadership throughout the year.

House Leaders

Findlay - Krista Fortzer-Bezar and Thomas Evans

Fleming - Rosalie Reeves and Sam Clarke

McDonald - Greer Donovan and Zach Poulton

Term 1 certainly has featured a comprehensive schedule of school-based lunchtime activities which embodies the Wentworth philosophy of blending a strong mix of academic, cultural and sporting activities:

- Clubs for students interested in Chess, Spanish, Science and critical thinking (the Year 13 Thinkers Club)
- Workshops in Economics, English, Mathematics, Fabrics and Art

- Music rehearsals for the Girls' Vocal Group and Senior Rockband
- Inter-House sports competitions
- Stage Challenge rehearsals
- Sports teams practices
- Debating teams practices

A similarly comprehensive academic and sporting programme is in place for Term 2. The academic focus for all year levels will be to prepare for the mid-year examinations scheduled for Week 5, immediately following Queen's Birthday weekend. Many Wentworth students are also involved in the winter sports codes and teams have already begun preparations for the competitions next term.

We look forward to a busy term ahead, with students balancing their academic studies with their involvement in the many co-curricular and sporting activities on offer.

Bruce Tong,
Principal.



2013 Leavers Gift

The Year 13 students of 2013 raised money to donate a tree to the College as their leaving gift. The tree – a *Cercis Canadensis* (Forest Pansy) – was delivered to the College for planting by ex-Prefect Rene Geertshuis and ex-Deputy Head Girl Kelly Robinson. It is a colourful deciduous specimen that grows to 3m x 3m. The students hope that this gift will begin a tradition in the College of each year's Year 13 group purchasing a tree so that eventually the campus will be a verdant memory of the different Year groups.



Buntoku High School Visit

In late March Wentworth enjoyed hosting students and teachers from Buntoku High School in Japan. The students carried out their own English language programme in the mornings but joined with some of our classes on different afternoons. The students were very appreciative of their time in New Zealand.

Primary School Highlights

Highlights from the Primary School this term included:

- Swimming Sports – the relay was the highlight. The Year 5/6 students attended the college swimming sports held at the Leisure Centre. The Years 5/6 boys dominated the relay by beating the Years 7/8 boy's teams. Everyone had a great time.

- Beach Picnic – A picture perfect day.

It was a perfect day for the annual Wentworth Primary and Years 7/8 beach picnic. The day was made up of noodle wars, sausage sizzle, swimming, fun and sun.

- Games Evening – Parent participation was fantastic.

The annual games evening was another huge success, starting with a family dinner and then lots of activities that included the parents and the children.

- Visit to the Reptile Park – Literally hands-on.

Feeding chameleons, patting giant tortoises and watching turtles hatch was all part of this science education trip.

- Weetbix Triathlon - Congratulations to Matthew, India, Jon and Poppy.

Future New Zealand champions!

- Hibiscus Coast Interschool Soccer Tournament – Well done!

This included some wonderful soccer and an outstanding 3rd equal result. Well done!

- Teddy Bear's Picnic – A great fundraiser for Kids Cancer.

This is a school council initiative. They planned the charity to support and organised the day. Great student leadership.

- Grandparents' Day – Great folk dancing display, followed by reminiscing and comparing yesteryear with today.



Student Comments from:

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training Weekend

We all learnt what to do if we get lost in the bush, how to put up tents, use cookers, use a compass on an orienteering map, what we do on Duke of Edinburgh trips, and why we do it. We also learnt orienteering on a course over at Shakespear Park. It was very difficult and probably the best part of the weekend. Our team won! **Ambrose Ledbrook**

This weekend we learnt how to put up one of those fancy tramping tents (which is very difficult for someone who is used to old camping tents!) The tramp was fun and exhausting but worth it. The swim afterwards was awesome. It was really useful to learn everything we did and I'm really glad I chose to do this award. I went to bed at 6:30pm when I got home, probably because I possibly had the worst sleep of my life on Saturday night. I obviously need a thicker bed roll! **Kelly Main**

This weekend I learned a lot and got better at things as well. I also had a lot of fun. I learned about what to take tramping and what not to take. I got better at putting up tents and I had tons of fun joking around. The walk was very tiring but not too hard. It was a good weekend. **Alexander Gregory**

I really enjoyed the training weekend. My favourite part was the orienteering course. Although it was challenging, the overall sense of achievement was amazing. The theory part of the weekend was really interesting because we learnt all about survival and tramping. **Rose Gatfield-Jeffries**



Student Comments from:

The Silver Trip along the Hokianga - Kai Iwi Lakes Walkway.

Blisters, bruises, bites and sunburn. The whole overall trip was surely an experience. Two nights of camping and two days of walking down what seemed to be an endless trail of sand. Climbing up and over the Manganui Bluff on the final day felt like scaling Everest. Stopping off for fish and chips on the way home was exactly what we needed. **Alex Smith**

The scenery and the views were spectacular. KJ and I even managed to do yoga on the top of the hill after the long days of walking. The walk itself was not too hard, just long. There was a bit of frustration going up the bluff but I managed to get over it. **Ashleigh Hyland**

On the second day I broke a chopstick while cooking pancakes for lunch so at dinner that night I couldn't eat my noodles. To improvise I took two pieces of driftwood and whittled them to where they looked like chopsticks. They would have brought shame to any Asian household but they make me proud. **Jed Murman.**

After walking for a day and having hardly any sleep, Alex and I made our way into the bush to find a stream for water. Everyone else had gotten water from it already. We walked along the track until we found the cutty grass as per instructions. For ten minutes we walked around trying to find the water only to come back without it and to discover we had started out on the wrong track! **Kate Butterfield**

The feeling of relief and achievement as I saw the minivan was overwhelming. I reflected over the weekend - the fun and the hard work. It was very memorable. Singing on the beach as we walked made every step easier. I made friendships with people I hardly knew before the trip. I now can't wait for our last Silver Duke of Ed tramp. **Kirsty Robinson**

Dinner was successful and we slept reasonably well. We walked and walked about 6 km on Sunday. My boots, were wet and my feet and knees were sore. However at the end, we finished and we survived. **Raina Song.**

The landscape of Hokianga to Kai-Iwi lakes was incredible. The sunsets and the sunrises were so spectacular and our campsite was right next to a beautiful beach. One night we even saw the international space station shoot overhead (the mountain radio people told us where and when to watch for it). It was a great tramp. **Kate Gatfield-Jeffries**

Athletics Day

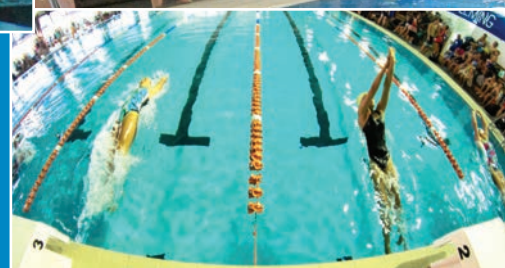
Well done to all participants in this year's annual Athletics Day. Despite the hot, sunny weather participation rates were high and many school records were equalled or broken. Congratulations to McDonald House for taking first place with 1465 points. Fleming placed second on 1334 points and third place went to Findlay on 1172 points.



Swimming Sports

The annual swimming sports were held at the Leisure Centre. It was great to see the positive enthusiasm and encouragement exhibited by all students; this helped to produce some competitive races. Eight school records were broken, six by Kieran Pangilila and two by Taine Johnston. Final standings were:

1st Fleming	848
2nd McDonald	805
3rd Findlay	658



Wentworth Rowers make College History!

After five seasons of hard work by current and previous squad members, Wentworth College took its rightful place on the North Island Championships podium this term with Jacob Langridge and Chris Everitt winning a Silver Medal in the Boys' Under 18 Lightweight Pair. Whilst this was our best result, all squad members raced hard to obtain placings in a total of eight finals - a fantastic effort!

Following months of hard training and dedication, Wentworth Rowers went to Twizel to compete in the North Island Secondary School Rowing Championships (aka the Maadi Cup). It was the most successful Maadi Cup so far for Wentworth Rowers who made it into a total of 9 finals, an awesome achievement. The most notable result was the Boys' Under 18 Lightweight Double (Chris Everitt and Jacob Langridge) who placed fourth, and the Girls' Under 18 Coxed Fours (Lucy Murden, Greer Donovan, Anna Riksen, Emma Butterfield and Alana Pribicivich) who placed eighth. Also of note were the Boys' Under 17 Four (Sam Clarke, Jacob Langridge, Rhodes Jensen, James Banyard and cox - Conrad Morley), the Girls' Pair (Greer Donovan and Anna Riksen) and the Under 18 Boys' Single (Chris Everitt), all of whom gained a place to race in the B Finals. Just missing out on their final were the Girls' Double (Lucy Murden and Emma Butterfield) who were racing to make a Semi-final but 'caught a crab' and flipped out fifty metres from the finish line. Other boats raced were the Under 17 Doubles, Under 18 Girls' Single and the Under 18 Quad. While Wentworth didn't make it onto the medal table, (the Maadi Cup draws the best rowers from Secondary Schools across the whole country) we are incredibly proud of our rowers for their commitment and excellent results. Well done to them all!

Final Results:

Girls' Under 18 Pair - Greer Donovan, Anna Riksen - **13th in NZ**

Girls' Under 18 Coxed Four - Lucy Murden, Greer Donovan, Anna Riksen, Emma Ryder, Alana Pribicevich - **8th in NZ**

Boys' Under 18 Single - Chris Everitt - **15th in NZ**

Boys' Under 18 Lightweight Double - Jacob Langridge, Chris Everitt - **4th in NZ**

Boys' Under 17 Coxed Quad - Samuel Clarke, Jacob Langridge, James Banyard, Rhodes Jensen, Conrad Morley - **16th in NZ**



AS Geography Trip to the Waitomo Caves and Marokopa Coast

Students from AS Geography and AS Tourism set off to Waitomo Caves to study limestone and river formations. By lunchtime on Saturday they were 60 metres underground in the amazing Ruakuri Cave learning about and seeing every imaginable limestone cave feature in existence. The story of limestone was all around them and explanations from an expert guide were heard. They then went on a walk through the Ruakuri Reserve where they had to put the talk into practice by identifying the features themselves. The day concluded with note taking in the Waitomo Museum.

On Sunday it was up early for the glow worm caves and boat ride and then it was off to the dramatic black sand coast of Marokopa. The students first followed and identified fluvial processes in the river then walked along the coast to climb the anti-cline folding rocks at the Headland. On the way back they walked through the bush to the Marokopa Falls and then along the swinging bridge to the natural arch.

It was rewarding to have comments from guides and tourists as to how well-behaved and polite our students are.



Golf

Congratulations to BoHyun Park (Year 7) who took second place at the Golf Championships in Hamilton. Strong winds and rain from Cyclone Lusi made for very difficult playing conditions. Whilst BoHyun's determination saw her in first place at the end of Round 1, this had dropped to second place by the end of Round 2, missing out on winning the competition by just 1 point.



Food Technology

Beautiful cooking smells have again been emanating from the Foods Room. With a focus on healthy eating, students have been making their own bread and cooking wonderful stir-fry concoctions.



Dirt Biking

Four Wentworth College boys attended the Inter-School Motocross competition in the backblocks of Huntly on Friday 4th April. Logan and Jed Murman, along with Henry Williams and Bowen Hopper raced in the 170 strong event.



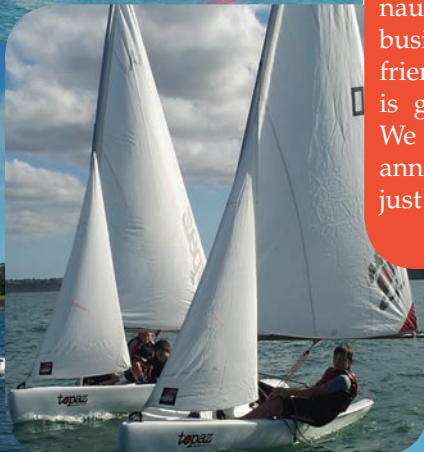
Wentworth Four make Netball North Harbour High Performance Squad

Four Wentworth girls were selected this term for Netball North Harbour's new High Performance Development Programme. This specialist programme was created to give girls a professional coaching environment at Netball North Harbour.

Shena Donald and Tia Legg were selected from 65 North Harbour qualifying girls to form an U15 squad of 22. Rosalie Reeves and Grace Morris made the U17 squad of 18.

The success of having four girls selected from such a small school is highlighted by the fact that Wentworth is second in numbers only to Westlake Girls!





Sailing Fund-raising Evening

This term the Wentworth sailing community had a hugely successful quiz night at the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club with the aim of raising funds for a new 420 racing dinghy. We had recently received a grant from the Lion Foundation towards a new boat but were still in need of \$7000.

The night was attended by 140 people all dressed in nautical theme. The support and generosity of local businesses, Wentworth students, parents and family friends who came along is greatly appreciated. We are very proud to announce we raised just over \$5,000.



Learning to Sail

Every week this term the sailing team drove down to the Gulf Harbour Marina and had amazing experiences out on the water. Sometimes we gathered as a group and discussed the different sailing techniques. We sailed in different tide and weather conditions and had a great time each session. Thanks to the teachers and parent helpers for their assistance and guidance.



Weiti Wildlink Volunteers

In February, a group of Wentworth students volunteered to promote the Weiti Wildlink Project, which looks to restore the stream banks with native plants to provide a better home for wildlife and to help keep the river clean. The students had a lot of fun getting involved with manning the 'Art Hub' stall, which had them entertaining children with interactive activities including face painting, colouring, and creating 'flax eels', all on an environmental theme. The students will also be taking part in a clean-up day along the Weiti River in May/June. Anna Riksen, Year 13

