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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The Term Two event calendar has been exceptionally full this year. Academically we have had school mid-year examinations and Cambridge resit examinations followed by school reports and parent-teacher interviews. Culturally, the first of our school productions ran with an excellent portrayal of R.C Sherriff's "Journey's End." Sporting highlights include numerous competitive inter-house competitions as well as a full winter sports programme. Education outside the classroom included school camps and Duke of Edinburgh and curriculum trips. The term certainly finished well with the highly successful and social highlight of the year, the Wentworth School Ball.

I believe it is also prudent to update our Wentworth parents with a current list of groups and activities that have operated throughout the first half of the year.
Teams/groups/clubs for the first semester.

SPORTS

Soccer	Indoor Basketball
Netball	Orienteering
"Get to Go" adventure racing	Yachting
Volleyball	Hockey (boys and girls)
Athletics	Fencing
Rowing	Pistol Shooting
Golf	Rugby
Skiing and snowboarding	Multi-sports
Dance Sport	Badminton

CULTURAL/CLUBS

Chess Club	Orchestra
Debating -junior and senior teams	Journey's End school production
Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition	Duke of Edinburgh (bronze/silver and gold)
Adventure Club	Science club
Choir	Inter-school Trolley Derby
Maths club	Computer Aided Design Club
Rocket Club	



A significant feature of Wentworth is the commitment of students and parents in offering an incredible range of opportunities; often more than many large secondary schools, with some unique to Wentworth. As the enrolment season for 2012 commences I find myself often enlightening and correcting some prospective parent's perception that because of our school size of 250 students we do not offer what larger schools do.



Of course many of our students are also involved in activities outside the school. These include competitive swimming, surf club, music and dance classes and karate, as well as youth service such as the young Rotarians, Scouts and Guides, to mention just a few.

Wentworth's school culture encourages students to try new activities. Pupils are often personally approached by teachers or friends to join teams and groups. This has led to an outstanding level of student participation in school-wide activities. Keeping teenagers involved, active and busy is fundamental for healthy development throughout adolescent years.

This Bulletin features just a snapshot of some of the many events that occurred throughout last term. It reflects favourably on the level of engagement of Wentworth students, with the emphasis from within the school on personal challenge, positive risk-taking and the development of self confidence.

Bruce Tong



PREFECTS REPORT

This year's prefects have been busy organising multiple academic, sporting and cultural activities that involve students from both the College and Primary school. Prefects each administer a portfolio of duties that fit into the brief they are given at the beginning of the year.

Deputy Head Girl, Kyla Peters, and Year Seven and Eight prefect Stephanie Wyllie run the weekly Science Club. The experiments are not only fun but also beneficial to the students' understanding of Science in general. Kyla also helps with extra tutoring for several of the Year seven students. She also organised this year's 40 Hour Famine.

Academic prefect, Sam Pearson, runs Maths tutoring for the Year 7 and 8 students, along with help from fellow prefects Stephanie Wyllie and Jessica Daly. Sam has also worked with Ms Gamble on the junior production "Journey's End".

Academic prefect, Jess Daly, is currently in the midst of organising the school's annual Mathematics House competition, where each house picks a team of top-performing students who compete to answer maths questions.

Sports prefects, Matt Hurley and Benjamin Hendricks, have been busy organising inter-house competitions that have proved to be very successful. Matt and Bennie also assist the P.E teachers with organisation and preparation for the major house competitions. Performing Arts prefect, Carl

Leducq, competed alongside Deputy Head Boy/Performing Arts leader, Ashlin Hannon, in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition earlier this year. They also lent a hand to the younger actors who were also competing. Carl is also beginning preparations for the annual school talent show. Ashlin, with the help of publicity prefect Ashleigh Ryder, coordinated the Christchurch earthquake fundraiser appeal which was very successful, raising just over \$3,500. Ashlin is also currently in the early stages of organising the Wentworth Primary school production with the help of fellow prefects Ashleigh Ryder, Carl Leducq, Julia Tillett and Rory Donovan. Ashlin, Carl, Julia, Kyla and Ashleigh are also be working on the senior school production, "The Importance of Being Earnest". Rory Donovan has organised a roster for the prefects which involves visiting the Primary School each lunchtime, to read to, or be read to, by some of the pupils. This has been very beneficial for the students.

The prefects are currently at work organising more events and activities for next term. The prefects enjoy the work they do around the school and Term 3 should be an eventful term with plenty of action.



Ashleigh Ryder



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

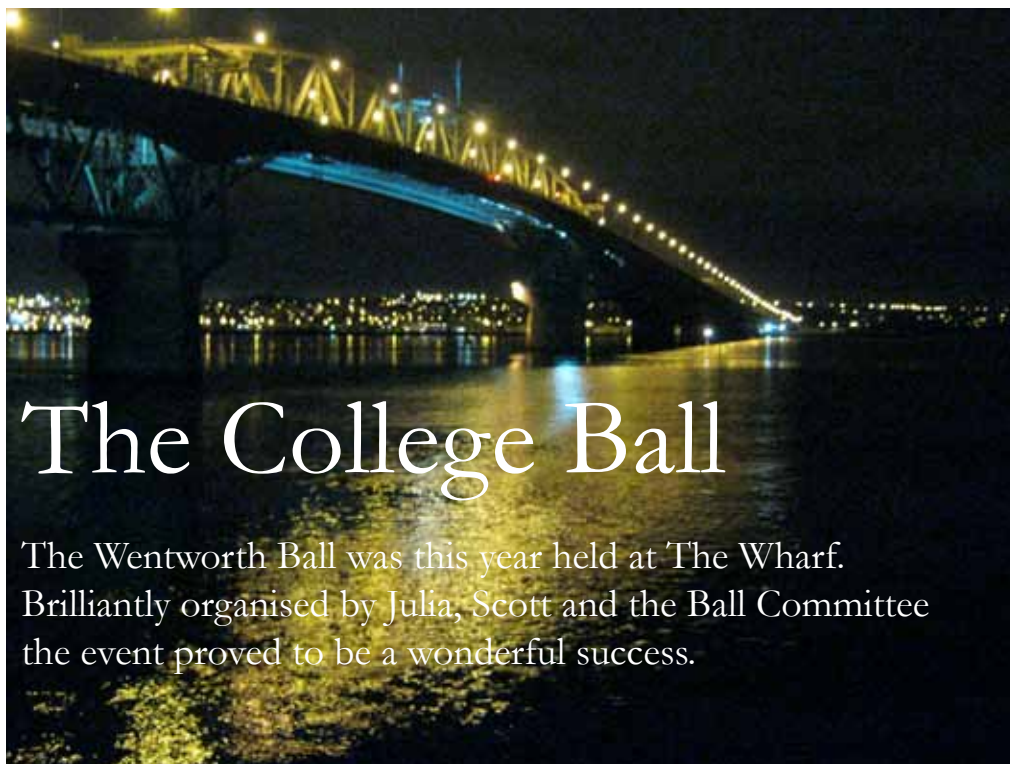
A record 26 students have completed their adventurous expeditions for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. Two trips were run to the Pinnacles hut in the Coromandel where we were reminded that it is a steep and unrelenting climb to the top and a steep and unrelenting scramble back down again. The first group to stay at the Pinnacles were entertained by 30 students from the Auckland University Tramping Club who were having a gourmet cooking competition all weekend. The food they managed to produce over 2-burner cookers was quite something and somewhat inspiring for our budding bush chefs. Two other trips were also run to the Waitakeres which included the infamous swamp-crossing. By the second trip, the mud was significantly more slippery and the swamp was definitely deeper – we were right up to the armpits in cold, cold water. All trips were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



DRAMA

Congratulations to the cast and Ms Gamble for the excellent production "Journey's End". The play had been studied by all Year 11 students earlier in the year and the production provided a wonderful opportunity to reinforce major themes and knowledge that will assist students greatly in their end-of-year examinations. We are now looking forward to the next production, "The Importance of Being Earnest" scheduled for Term 3.





The College Ball

The Wentworth Ball was this year held at The Wharf. Brilliantly organised by Julia, Scott and the Ball Committee the event proved to be a wonderful success.



YEAR 7 AND 8 BASKETBALL

Wentworth Year 7 and 8 basketballers have had a wonderful season competing on the North Shore against other top North Shore Intermediate School Teams. Wentworth was runner up in a very a hard-fought final.



FENCING

Wentworth students are starting to dominate the Secondary Schools competitions in Auckland and nationally. The Auckland Secondary School series of competitions ran over ten weeks. The competition culminated in a final event where Wentworth fencer, Stephanie Wyllie, was crowned the Auckland Secondary School Champion in Girls' Foil, with Jazmin Hopper in second place. During the holidays the Secondary School National Championships are taking place in Christchurch and we have high hopes for our students to bring back some more medals from the South Island. Other successful fencing results are as follows:

Oceania Cadets:

Jurgens van Zyl Bronze in Epee and Gold in Epee Team event

Natalie Dunn Bronze in Foil

New Zealand U/15 Championship:

Natalie Dunn Bronze in Foil

Auckland u/20 Championship:

Jazmin Hopper Gold in Epee

Stephanie Wyllie Gold in Foil, Bronze in Epee

Jurgens van Zyl; Gold in Epee

North Island Open Championships: Stephanie Wyllie Bronze in Foil

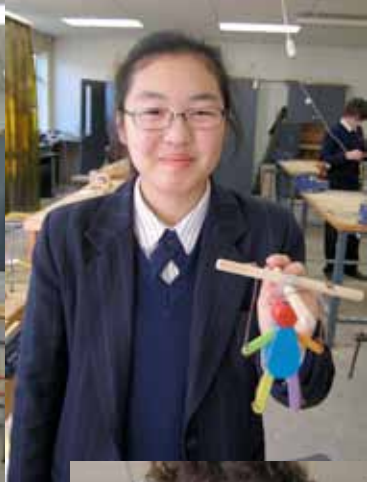
The commitment of our students and the input by their parents as well as the brilliant guidance and coaching by Judit Flizsar helped Wentworth College to become one of the leading schools in New Zealand in fencing.



WENTWORTH PISTOL SHOOTING

During the last three years Wentworth students have had great success in the Secondary Schools' Competition, winning the MacMillan Cup twice and coming third once. This year, the competition is scheduled for September 17th. Wentworth has the privilege to be coached by Greg Yelavich, who was also the official coach for the New Zealand Olympic shooters at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2010. Greg and a few of our parents helped to build our very high-tech shooting range in the Wentworth Gym. The electronic target system makes shooting practices a pleasure. We are very grateful to Greg for his coaching on Monday and Wednesday nights as well as for the club pistols he has made available for use by our students. Anyone interested can contact the teacher in charge, Mrs Linda van Zyl.





CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country competition was again held at Shakespear. Once the fog cleared to a glorious afternoon, students completed a challenging course (although slightly shorter than in previous years). The overall winning House on the day was McDonald on 621 points, with only 2 points separating Fleming (470) and Findlay (468) for second place.





ALUMNI

Congratulations to Samuel Horner who is presently studying at the University of Sydney. He won the Business School Scholarship with Distinction for All Round Excellence, the McDonald's Australia Limited Prize for First in the Undergraduate Major in Marketing and University of Sydney's Academic Merit Prize 2010

Congratulations to two of our past pupils who this year were selected to join the New Zealand Armed Forces – Robert Pasco (Army) and Amy Dixon (Navy).



HIGHEST SCOUTING AWARD

Last year's prefect, Dion Morley, completed his Queen's Scout Award in December 2010 being the first Venturer from Whangaparaoa to achieve this award.

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest youth award in Scouting. It is designed around the key cornerstones of Personal Development, Outdoors, New Experiences and Community. The award calls for teenagers to consistently extend their 'personal best' and increase their competency in teamwork, leadership, physical fitness, goal setting, project planning, decision making, self discipline,



problem solving, cooperation, time management, self reliance, communication, volunteer work and risk management. The final decision on whether a Scout is awarded their Queen's Scout is decided after an interview with the Queen's Scout panel, a very harrowing experience.

WENTWORTH SAILING

Wentworth College celebrated the launch of our four new yachts at the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club. To celebrate this occasion and to further cement our relationship, Gulf Harbour Yacht Club donated \$1000 towards further development of sailing within the school. Barbara Kendall addressed the gathering.

The Queen's Scout award was presented by the Governor General at a Vice-Regal function with the certificate being signed by the Queen.



Rocket Club

A huge success last term was the Wentworth Rocket Club, organised by prefect Hayden Purdy and supervised by Mr Hawkins. Launchings have been spectacular!

