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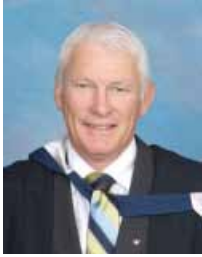
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The 2013 school year commenced with 42 new College students across all year levels. All our new students are closely supported as they embark on their school life at Wentworth through an orientation programme, inter-House competitions, and membership of a tutor group where tutor teachers provide guidance and support. The 'Wentworth

Values' form the backbone of our school; these are displayed in classrooms throughout the school and are the framework of our culture.

Congratulations to our Head Girl, Georgia Clark, and Head Boy, Jurgens van Zyl, for being elected to lead the student body for 2013. They guide a very talented group of school prefects. Each prefect's skills and talents are linked to a portfolio, with a number of key responsibilities assigned to each portfolio. These portfolios include academic, Primary School liaison, sports, visual and performing arts, social services, the environment and publicity. These roles allow our senior students an opportunity to learn and experience the concept of leadership throughout the year. They have key performance criteria that they work towards and have reviewed, thus providing a further opportunity for guidance and support as they learn and practise the concept of leadership.

Early in the term, an inaugural "Scholars Assembly" was held to celebrate and congratulate the outstanding academic performance of the 2012 Year 13 cohort of students in the Cambridge Examinations. 2012 Dux, Jaimee Morley, along with Matthew Hughes, Emmanuel Davies and Alexandra Murden, qualified to receive the Wentworth Scholar's Award. They were each presented with a scholar's badge and an engraved pen before speaking to the assembly about their academic plans for University. The "scholars" then assisted with the presentation of academic excellence and diligence badges to the top achievers from the 2012 Cambridge examinations at Years 11 and 12.

Congratulations to the following students who received an "Academic Excellence" badge for their outstanding Cambridge examination results in which they achieved mostly 'A' grades. Year 11 - Morgan Borrett, Colin Eikenaar, Thomas Evans, Mitchell Grant, Sarah Haggerty and Anna Riksen; Year 12 - Georgia Clark, Ida de Smet, Jemma Dixon, Jerry Ren, Kelly Robinson and Nicole Rosewarne.

"Academic Diligence" badges were awarded to the following

students who achieved high 'A' and 'B' grades. Year 11 - Rachel McFarlane, Tyler Pearce and Madeline Woodd; Year 12 - Lauren Daly, Alexander Grey, Jonathan Peters and Jurgens van Zyl.

Term One has certainly been comprehensive with a variety of school based activities. Students have been involved in debating, a Shakespeare drama competition, school camps, school trips, Duke of Edinburgh trainings and tramps, guest speakers, fundraising activities, and a myriad of school and club sporting activities. All this has been intertwined with a full academic teaching programme.

Being actively involved in all aspects of school life helps students grow in self-confidence and maximise their contribution to school life. The outcome from this is a very positive school tone and a happy educational environment.

Bruce Tong
Principal



2013 Student leaders (pictured from left)

Head Boy - Jurgens van Zyl,
Head Girl - Georgia Clark,
Deputy Head Girl - Kelly Robinson,
Deputy Head Boy - Bryton Nowak.

Student Prefects for 2013:

Ida De Smet, Marina Shannon, Jemma Dixon, Lauren Wright, Lauren Daly, Jessica Yock, Nicole Rosewarne, Rene Geertshuis, Jerry Ren, Billy Fry.

House Leaders

Fleming House - Anna Riksen and Daniel Kopilkov
Findlay House - Emma Butterfield and Chris Everitt
McDonald House - Stephanie Watts and Cullen Rhind

Primary School Highlights



The Primary School enjoyed a full and successful term. Our roll continues to grow. Twelve new students joined us during Term One and a number are due to commence next term.



The Primary School combined with the College Years 7&8 students for our annual beach picnic at Shakespear Park. Swimming and softball were particularly popular and sunhats were compulsory given the wonderful weather.



Games Night was our official Wentworth get together for the year. The weather was perfect on a Friday evening for Wentworth families to join in for a meal and competitive games.



As part of the Social Science topic of looking at 'how New Zealand has changed over time' the school visited Silverdale Historic Village. This is a wonderful museum for studying changes that have occurred in our local area. The hand mower was a big hit!



Wentworth College and Primary combined their swimming sports for a day of highly competitive swimming. Many of our Years 5&6 children went on to represent us at the Interschool Swimming competition held at Northern Arena.

Our Year 6 class was invited to assist with the fund raising for Make-A-Wish Foundation which was broadcast live on TV ONE's Breakfast show. The students had a fantastic time and were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

Cart Building from recycled materials was a Year 6 initiative. All items were begged or borrowed, and parents and grandparents came to assist with planning and construction. There was a hive of activity that resulted in fantastic contraptions.

A school leadership programme was initiated this year with the development of School Captains and Class Captains to represent the school. The School Captains were selected by their peers and formed the School Council that meets to discuss and develop areas that are relevant to the school and their fellow students. Changes have already been made in a number of areas.



Years 7 & 8 Camp 2013 Moirs Point Christian Camp

Students comments:

Cooking was a cool thing to do. I made the apricot chicken. I cut up the onions and my eyes were burning. Cutting onions was hard because I couldn't see anything with watery eyes.
Emma Humphries.

The best part of camp was sleeping in the bush. You could have your blanket over your head and get hot or have the blanket off and get bitten. It was fun though because I got to tell everyone when I got back that I had slept outside without a tent.
Shanae Johnston.

Doing the dishes was tiring but I still found it fun watching everyone run round like maniacs scrubbing the dishes as hard and as fast as possible. It was way better than doing them at home.
Michael Coutts.

I liked the rifle shooting the most. Just picking up the gun made me feel powerful. Bringing the barrel back and behind made me feel like a cowboy about to shoot the bad guy.
Kieran Pangalila.

The kayaking was great. We played a sort of "elimination tag" where you had to tap your paddle twice on someone's kayak to tag them. I was involved with some pretty long chases.

Kip Simpson.

I enjoyed sleeping in a cabin with 5 other boys because I like company and the people in my cabin talked a lot. We were always looking out for each other.
Luke Sullivan

When I turned up to camp and I saw the archery I said to myself, "Yes! There's archery." Oh man, I nearly got a bulls-eye.
Skye Collins- Maginley.

What I liked most about camp was sleeping in the bush over night. I loved the scenery and the grass and bushes making sounds in the wind. What I enjoyed most of all was watching the stars move across the sky – especially the shooting stars.
Jordan Kelly.

I really enjoyed the air rifles because of the seriousness of it. I can still remember the words the range master said when we loaded the gun. We had to line up the sights very precisely and hold the gun steady. I would do it again anytime.

Oliver Reeves.

At camp, Sophie, Jordan and I slept in the bush. We found a flat piece of land and slept there. Every five seconds Jordan was saying "Did you hear that possum?". "No Jordan, it wasn't a possum." We had no wall, nor roof, nothing, just ourselves.

Aleks Hyland.





Wentworth College Rowing Successes

17 Wentworth College rowers recently competed in the NZ Secondary Schools' Rowing Championships, commonly referred to as the Maadi Cup Regatta. With this being only the fifth year of rowing being offered at Wentworth, the students faced strong competition from the over 2000 athletes from 120 schools who attended the week-long regatta at Lake Karapiro in the Waikato.

The highlight of the week for Wentworth students was seeing three of their crews gaining places in the Senior Under 18 events. These crews competed and won the highly prized 'Top 10' badges awarded by NZ Rowing. The crews comprised of Chris Everitt and Sam Clark in the Under 18 Double Sculls; Lucy Murden, Greer Donovan, Anna Riksen and Emma Butterfield, with Conrad Morley as cox, in the Under 18 Girls' 4; Lucy Murden, Greer Donovan, Anna Riksen, Emma Butterfield, Emma Ryder, Stephanie Watts, Tayla Karam and Krista Fortzer-Bezar, with Alana Pribicivich as cox, in the Under 18 Premier Girls' 8.

The success for these students was the culmination of an extensive training programme that commenced last November with only a short 2 week break over Christmas. The rowers' training regime involved six on-the-water training sessions at the Weiti River, as well as 2 gym sessions every week. All the

College's crews were very competitive throughout the season but certainly peaked for the national championships.

"Students really enjoy both the technical and physical sides of the sport," said Head Coach and Wentworth teacher, Mr Robert Ansell. "I was pleased to see all their training and dedication paying such excellent dividends in the national championships. The old adage 'kilometres of training on the water make champions' rings very true."

Allan Tong, 1956 New Zealand Rowing Olympian, 82 years old and one of the coaches of the Wentworth rowing teams, explained, "Success in rowing can only come from a lot of hard work, and rowing is a sport that requires equally high levels of technical knowledge, fitness, commitment and a desire to win."

Rowing is only 1 of 23 sports offered at Wentworth College, and with the rowing season now finished, students are turning their attention towards the winter sports season commencing at the start of Term 2.







Annual Swimming Sports Results

This year the combined total points scored by each House was higher than they have been for several years, indicating that more students entered the pool and swam more races.

Final House placings were as follows: First - Fleming with 928; Second - McDonald with 891; Third - Findlay with 609.

For 2013 the age grade swimming champions were as follows:

- **Years 7&8** – Keagan Modlin & Kieran Pangalila
- **Juniors** – Imogen Pangalila & Tait Fuller
- **Intermediates** – Anna Riksen & Taine Johnston
- **Seniors** – Sarah Hagerty & Mitch Grant



Wentworth College Student Number One in Swimming Championships

Wentworth College Year 13 student, **Nicole Rosewarne**, won the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Open Water Championships at Pegasus Bay in Christchurch. Nicole swam the 1.5 km swim on Friday in a time of 18 minutes 56 seconds, beating the second female place-getter by 34 seconds. A record number of over 120 swimmers took to the water on a 3 lap course.

Annual Cross Country

This year the annual Cross Country took place early. Congratulations to Fleming House for winning the event. Well done to Conor Donovan, Rebecca Faletanoai, Zachary Poulton, Chris Everitt & Ida De Smet for breaking previous school records.



2013 Australian O'pen Bic Nationals

Brothers Sean Herbert, Year 7, and Liam Herbert, Year 9, went across to Perth during the Easter weekend to compete in the 4th Australian O'pen Bic Nationals. With 55 boats entered in the event this year and 28 of those being from WA alone, they had their work cut out for them. For Sean this was his chance to defend his Under 13's title for the 3rd time. They both did well in the invitational race with Sean retaining his title and Liam placing 9th. After a total of 11 races both Liam and Sean showed that Kiwis can fly. At the end of the event the results were:

- Liam - 4th in the Under 16's and 7th overall
- Sean - 1st in the Under 13's and 1st overall



Letter to Wentworth from David Thomas, Project Manager,

Make-A-Wish® New Zealand

“I work for Make-A-Wish New Zealand and wanted to write to you to let you know about the fantastic work some of your students have been doing to assist us with our Field of Dreams Summer Festival at Gulf Harbour.

Alexandra Smith contacted me unprompted after hearing about the events and wanted to know if she and her friends could help in any way. Alex, along with Olivia Harter, Olivia Skelton and Krista Fortzer-Bezar, organised a bake sale with no assistance from us and worked for 5 hours in the hot sun raising \$170 which is a fantastic contribution. In addition to the bake

sale they also helped out with the other activities we were running on the day. I just wanted to bring to your attention the fantastic community spirit, initiative and dedication shown by these young ladies.”



ESOL Classes for International Students



The international students are attending daily English classes; this is an intensive programme to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. It is a small class of twelve students which means everyone

receives a lot of individual attention and the teaching is differentiated to meet their individual needs. It is such a privilege to teach this class as the students are so eager to learn!

ESOL Badminton Tournament

Luke Zhang and Ryan Lo were required to organise an event for their PE course and they designed a badminton tournament for the ESOL class. Luke and Ryan did a fantastic job organising the games and the tournament ran smoothly. Congratulations to Mel Li, the undefeated champion, and to Ryan Lo, the runner-up. It was a fun and well-organised event.

Michelle Jordan



Anzac Week

Librarian Janette Taumoli organised a week of lunchtime events to raise student awareness of Anzac Day.

Programme

Monday “Gas, Gas, Gas” shouted from the WW1 trenches. Mr Hawkins gave a smoke bomb demonstration.

Tuesday

New Zealand Army Landmines
Disarmament Unit - Mr Karam

Wednesday

The New Zealand Navy – Mr Wackrow

Thursday

Staff versus Student Battle – Debate

Friday

Movie and Popcorn Day – “Dad’s Army”



Fabrics

Our Fabrics students were fortunate this term when Mrs Cowie organised two professional pattern-makers to speak to them and demonstrate some of the important skills used in this field.



Shave for a Cure

Wentworth students were involved with Shave For a Cure in support of Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. The students had their locks removed at the school gymnasium on April 15th to show their support for leukaemia patients by contributing a total of \$1,025.

P.K. Martini (Year 13 student) says he got involved with Shave For a Cure because he has personally experienced his Mum, Aunt and cousin having cancer. He wanted to raise money for the Foundation as “every dollar counts.”

The other pupils to have their hair removed were Ryan Fryer, Daniel Kopilkov, Jadon Modlin and Loch Parker.



Sailing Team



In April the sailing team was invited to attend a training regatta at Algies Bay in preparation for the Team Sailing Nationals later in the month. This was a great training opportunity and our team sailed well, improving their performance over the course of the weekend and sailing some really close races against several of NZ's top school sailing teams. We successfully competed alongside Westlake Boys, Mahurangi College, Diocesan and Kings College.

The team of Cameron Hughes, Liam Herbert, Sean Herbert, Mollie Durey, Rachael McFarlane, Matthew Dunn, Mel Hopkins and Henry Wouters (from Kristin) travelled to Taupo in the second week of the school holidays to compete in the Secondary Schools Team Sailing Nationals.



Duke of Edinburgh

The trip began with an exhausting 8 hour mini van trip, three hours of which we nursed our soggy McDonalds, too scared to eat it on the winding drive. What we did not know was that the first night in the motor camp was luxury compared to the next days on the track. It even had flushable toilets!

At the beginning of the tramp we were happy – until our feet ached from constant walking. It was a relief to see the hut, although dinner was disappointing – dehydrated packet food. Then, before we could go to bed, we had to set up the mountain radio.

The following morning was a 3 ½ hour walk to the next, fancier hut. Expecting it to appear at any minute, we asked passing

groups how far away it was and, in the space of an hour, every answer was “half an hour.” The last group said it was 5 minutes. Since we did not take them seriously, we were extremely excited when we saw the sign with the hut's name on it. However, this night's meal of dehydrated food was followed by the torturous smell of barbecued lamb and fresh vegetables being cooked for people who had paid for a fully guided trip.

We were not excited about Sunday as a huge hill loomed before us, but in the morning the Easter bunny brought bagels, hot cross buns and other fresh food. The hill was surprisingly easy after that. I think this was the best tramp I have been on. The views were amazing.

By Lauren Wright.