

WENTWORTH College & Primary School BULLETIN

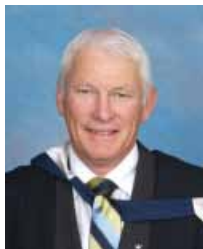


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A Wentworth education encapsulates a holistic philosophy where visual and performing arts, sports, and education in the outdoors all play an integral part in the complex tapestry of school life. However, our primary role is to provide a comprehensive and academically rigorous curriculum where every child is educated

to their fullest potential. The aim is to provide academic excellence across all ability levels. The Wentworth Trust Board wishes to acknowledge the excellent teaching and congratulate all students on the outstanding 2014 academic year as highlighted at the 2014 school Academic Prize Giving. They also wish to acknowledge and congratulate students and their teachers for the superb results achieved in last year's Cambridge International Examinations.

2014 Cambridge examination results continued the trend of excellence with overall outstanding individual results. The Year 11 IGCSE course featured 203 individual examination papers sat by our students. Results showed 91% of these papers achieve a score of 60% and above, whilst 35% achieved 80% or higher.

Year 12 students sit the Cambridge AS (Advance Subsidiary) qualification. Marks received from these examinations count towards gaining the required "points" to gain University Entrance. 2014 results were superb, with 70% of Year 12 students being awarded grades that secured them UE from Year 12. The advantage of this is that students now can study at Year 13 with confidence that they have secured entry into University. They can further increase their "points" in Year 13 to help secure entry into restricted University courses such as law, engineering and medicine as well as assisting greatly with the application for University scholarships.

A significant advantage for Wentworth Cambridge students is that under the New Zealand NCEA programme students are not eligible to gain their University Entrance until they have completed their Level 3 NCEA qualifications at the end of Year 13, and will not receive their mark and knowledge of whether they have attained UE until mid-January.

93% of Year 13 students at Wentworth gained their University Entrance which is outstanding when compared to the National rate, a low 53%. Wentworth's results of 93% place it **2nd out of the 100** Auckland-wide secondary schools' UE pass rates (published in the NZ Herald on the 9th of April) and make it clearly the top school in Rodney. The success of our students reflects the excellence in teaching and the school tone and culture.

The excellent results of our Year 13 students were celebrated at the **Wentworth Scholars' Assembly** held at the end of February. This year, four alumni gained outstanding marks and were invited to attend this assembly: Coilin Eikenaar, Sarah Haggerty, Lily James and Anna Riksen. Each gave advice and comments on how they achieved success with their academic work throughout their time at Wentworth and their academic and career plans for the next few years.

Our 'scholars' then assisted in presenting Academic Excellence and Diligence badges to Wentworth's top achievers from the Year 11 and 12 2014 Cambridge examinations.

Academic Excellence badges were awarded to: Keira-Jayne Bryant, Charlotte Doocey, Samuel Haggerty, Ashleigh Nelson, Imogen Pangalila, Sam Yoshifuji, James Banyard, Olivia Harter, Carr-lynn Nowak, Rosalie Reeves, Emma Ryder, Raina Song and Shani White.

Academic Diligence badges were awarded to Jack Brewin, Chelsea Grant, Tayla Karam, Jed Murman, Dana Robinson, Krista Fortzer-Bezar and Alexandra Smith.

Congratulations to all our school representatives throughout our first Term this year. Wentworth students competed and performed with dedication, commitment and success across many disciplines during the term and as the winter sport codes commence in Term 2, I wish everyone a very enjoyable, competitive and winning season as they manage a busy academic and co-curricular school life.

Bruce Tong
Principal



Athletics Day

For the first time in 5 years we had a real contest for the Athletics shield. The lead changed numerous times over the course of the day and, in the end, came down to the relay races to determine an overall winner. It was a scorcher of a day and definitely one of our best competitions.

Overall 19 school records were equalled or broken over the week of the athletics events, which is the most number of records to tumble in one year.



Swimming Sports at the Leisure Centre

The battle for the House shield was closer than ever this year with the lead changing multiple times and all three Houses holding first place at some point during the day. Scores were so close that a scrupulous check was made to ensure the correct results were published. Fleming House won overall, but closely followed by Findlay and McDonald.

Final points were as follows: . Fleming – 753 points, Findlay – 712 points, 3. McDonald – 704 points

In total there were 8 school records broken this year.





Rowing

Wentworth rowing enjoyed another stellar season with our best ever overall results at the two main regattas, North Island championship and the "Maadi" cup regatta, both held on Lake Karapiro.

This season, coaches decided to increase the number of regattas we attended and to lift the frequency and intensity of training. This certainly paid dividends with 14 crews making finals at the North Island champs and a record 7 finals at the NZ Maadi Cup regatta. All crews performed above expectation and should be very pleased with their season performance.

The highlight at Maadi was the performance of the lightweight "4" of Sam Clarke, Michael Coutts, Fletcher Corse-Scott, Tait Fuller and cox Jackson White. They finished a very creditable 5th in New Zealand. The crews were awarded a prestigious "top ten" badge; this is for crews that fill the top ten placing in events at the senior Under 18 age level.

A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches and parents; without their skills, and support Wentworth rowing would not enjoy the success it does.

A special thank you to Carol and Murray Clarke for their support and contribution to Wentworth rowing over many seasons.



SAILING

On Friday 20th February & Sunday 22nd February Wentworth Sailing Club senior students attended the 2015 Harken Schools Regatta which involved competing with 20 other schools from across the country in Elliot 7s. Liam Herbert successfully skippered the crew with Cameron Hughes on trim and tactics. Sam Haggerty had his first experience in the role of a bowman and Mel Hopkins on main controls. Our sailors were very lucky to have additional coaching from Sir Russell Coutts. The squad has learnt the strength of good communication on the water and set tactics which can be applied in team racing.





GOLF

Bohyun is one of Wentworth's Golf Academy members and is a key person in our golf team. Although just 12 years of age, she won the Auckland Age-Group Under 19 Strokeplay Championship during the last school holidays. Bohyun has featured both on the television news and in the New Zealand Herald for winning the qualifying tournament at the Clearwater golf course in Christchurch. With this she claimed a spot in the New Zealand Open tournament. Bohyun won the qualifying tournament with a two under the par of the course to claim one of the four qualifying spots, and played alongside her hero Lydia Ko. Bohyun has a golf handicap of well below zero and continues to impress us with her ability, determination, passion, and skills.



SCIENCE CLUB

The students of Wentworth have been enjoying a number of lunch time clubs and one that has proved very popular is the Science Club with the students designing and building rockets with Mr Muller.



SHAVE FOR A CURE

Five brave students (Damian Baranyai, Michael Gillard-Allen, Jon Sancto-Jones, Jojo Bowater-Tree and Brianna Stockhausen) shaved off their hair to raise money and awareness for leukaemia and blood cancer in New Zealand.



VANUATU FUNDRAISING

Everyone helped get involved with the resource raising for Vanuatu. The aim was to collect items to go via yachts to the outer islands.

Clearly the students got on board with this project—with considerable thought going into the resources they brought in; toothbrushes and soap were the major contributions; but also school resources, seeds, some tools & fish-hooks and balls of string and pegs.

In addition to the mufti day, the BBQ team raised in excess of \$100, which was spent on sharpening stones and nails, and the girls in Year 12 sold Easter Eggs. These funds purchased other necessary resources.



DUKE OF ED

This term has been exceptionally busy with the Duke of Edinburgh Programme in full swing. We have been trialling having the Bronze Expedition component partially during school time. As a result 24 students are taking part in the Bronze level this year. They have been training in Shakespear Park and have completed a practice trip to the Pinnacles Hut in the Coromandel. There have also been training weekends and trips for the Silver group to the Bethels area and around the Tongariro Northern Circuit. Nine students are undertaking the Silver level this year. Assessment trips are planned next term for both levels. The Gold level are about to start their Expedition component early next term.



YEARS 7 AND 8 SCHOOL BEACH PICNIC.

The purpose of the trip was to provide an environment where children can have a further opportunity to develop positive friendships, integrate and strengthen the "family" relationship that we encourage at Wentworth.

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

After many weeks of lunchtime and interval rehearsals, the full cast appeared on the stage at Albany Junior High to perform their 15-minute sequence from "Antony and Cleopatra." They really did the College proud, giving their best performance. Shani White was a completely convincing Cleopatra as she manipulated Antony (Damian Baranyai) and took command of the stage. All the actors rose to the occasion and conveyed the balance of drama and comedy that the directors (Alex Smith and Krista Fortzer-Bezar) had developed during rehearsals.



BONTUKO SCHOOL VISIT

For two weeks, Wentworth College was home to a group of 19 students from Bontuko High School.

The Japanese students, accompanied by two of their teachers, spent two weeks in New Zealand, not only keeping up with their own schoolwork, but also attending some of Wentworth's classes. This allowed for the students of both schools to gain a greater cultural understanding, and also develop their knowledge of different nationalities.

During their stay, the Bontuko High School students also gained a taste of New Zealand by going to museums to learn about Maori culture, going horse riding and visiting an aquarium. Overall, the Japanese students enjoyed their stay in New Zealand and have said that if given the opportunity in the future, they will most definitely return.





PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

School Camp

The last week of Term 1 saw the Years 4, 5 and 6 students attending school camp at the YMCA Shakespear Park. Activities included archery, sailing, rock climbing, raft building and much more. The Years 1, 2 and 3 students also attended camp for one day where the whole school was involved in assisting the park ranger in filling holes under the pest proof fence to make it secure.

Dad's Day

The students enjoyed having the Dads come together to celebrate Dad's Day at Wentworth Primary. They participated in Maths activities and then played games in the College gym. The morning finished with a delicious shared morning tea.

Interschool Swimming

Our star swimmers competed at the Years 5-6 interschool swimming competition held at Northern Arena.

Origami

The Japanese exchange students from Bontuko High School visited Wentworth Primary for an afternoon of cultural exchange. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning how to make origami.

Bike Safety

The whole school participated in a road and bike safety programme with the NZ Police Constable Bernie Watts. He took the Years 4, 5 and 6 students through a rigorous bike safety campaign to see who was eligible to get their Bike Licence.

School Captains

This year's School Captains are Heidi McApLine, Matthew Rist and Matthew Brabant. These fine Year 6 students will be representing Wentworth at formal and informal events and helping to promote the school's values.

Easter Hunt

The last day of Term 1 saw the Years 1, 2 and 3 students having an Easter egg hunt out in the playground.

ALUMNI FEATURE:

Each bulletin we will be featuring a number of Alumni and their paths they have taken since leaving Wentworth.

CHRIS WATTS (2003-2009)

A Foundation student of Wentworth commencing in Year 7, Chris studied here for 7 years, completing his schooling at the end of his Year 13. Chris was not only academically able but was fully involved in the sporting side of the school. Chris's all-round ability was recognised as he was appointed Head Boy for 2009.

After Wentworth, Chris attended Auckland University to study mechanical engineering. In 2014 he completed a 5 year conjoint degree programme with a Bachelor Engineering (Hons) and a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Economics. Chris's academic success was further acknowledged by winning the 2014 Senior Scholars Award at Auckland University for the highest overall grades in the Faculty of Business and Economics.

The multi-national firm of Deloitte has appointed Chris to the position of Strategic Consultant, and he is now based in Wellington.



HAYDEN PURDY

Well I've finally finished my degree (a B.Sc in Computer Science and Mathematics). My final marks came in with As and A+s – it certainly was a huge relief to have finished that successfully!

I'm in Camberra, Australia, until February 2015 on an all expenses paid summer research scholarship. I'm assisting research on positional quadcopters without GPS or a room full of cameras, to allow the craft to be flown in crowded city centres and indoors. When I return to New Zealand, I'm looking at doing a Masters of Science (in Computer Science) at Massey University in Albany, which – all going to plan – will take 1 ½ years.



KELLY NUNN (2003 – 2005)

Kelly was a foundation Student of Wentworth College; she started here with us in Year 9 and completed her schooling at the end of Year 11. Kelly won a full scholarship to attend St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton as a boarder.

Once she finished Year 13 she attended Auckland University to study Health Science with the aim of becoming a doctor. At the end of her first year she won a place in Auckland School of Medicine. Kelly is now a qualified doctor and has been appointed to her first full time position at Rotorua hospital.

Kelly is excited about working in Rotorua because of the wide variety of work involved in a regional hospital that you do not necessarily get to experience in large city hospitals.



EVERITT FAMILY

Chris Everitt was our Head Boy last year and the last child in his family to finish schooling with us here at Wentworth.

Steve and Pip write in appreciation of their children attending Wentworth: Thanks for making a difference in all of our Children's lives!



NZ ROWING CHAMPS

There were some great achievements from three alumni at the NZ Rowing Championships held in Twizel - competing along side and against some of New Zealand's top Olympic rowers. Jake Guy brought home 2 Silver medals in the Men's premier lightweight pair and Men's premier lightweight double, as well as a Bronze medal in the Men's senior double sculls. Alexandra Murden rowed her way to a Bronze medal in the Women's club coxed eight, and Chris Everitt won a Bronze medal in the Men's coxless quad.

