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The Education Review Office conducted their three yearly audit of Wentworth College during Term 3. This comprehensive review examined all aspects of teaching, the quality of student learning, school culture and student welfare, the effectiveness of the school operation, as well as the many compliance requirements expected of private schools. The review process involved lengthy interviews with the senior management, interviews with students from all Year levels, a walk through the school watching and discussing teaching and learning with teachers, and an analysis of school documentation.

ERO reports are of particular importance for the Board, parents and teachers. They provide an independent report card for the school.

I am pleased to confirm that the Review Officers were very impressed with the culture and operation of Wentworth College. The final review document has now been published and is available for viewing on the school website.

"Teachers encourage positive interactions with students and between students." The reviewers stated that the school is true to its philosophy and values, shows excellence in academic achievement, has an extensive range and high level of performance in co-curricular activities, and a strong school tone and culture reflecting values and high standards. The school has a "culture of success" and "the social and emotional wellbeing of the students is very well supported by a pastoral care system that reflects the school's commitment to values of respect for self and for others. By working together as a community students develop a sense of empathy, personal responsibility and resilience ...". The College has become increasingly "future-focussed" and the ERO reviewers made special comment that the "students are able to personalise their course of study to meet their aspirations regarding future study and career choices." They also noted that the staffing levels are "generous, with small classes ensuring students receive individual teaching."



Wentworth College met all Ministry requirements and there were no areas that necessitated development or improvement.

The Board is very pleased with the continuity of results and comments from ERO reporting since the school's inception (2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2016) as each one articulates that Wentworth College is a very high performing school where quality teaching and learning occurs.

Terms 3 and 4 are traditionally the time when parents consider where their children will go for schooling in the following year. I encourage you to share some of the Review Officers' encouraging feedback with your friends, neighbours, work colleagues and family. As the Officers make clear, Wentworth has much to offer and parents who invest in their children by enrolling them at Wentworth can be assured that the school will provide a positive climate where their child will be supported towards achieving his or her very best.

We frequently receive letters and words of thanks from parents saying that placing their child in Wentworth was the best decision they could have made. One parent recently commented... "Wentworth provided a wonderful education for my son, and equally important was that the school fostered standards, resilience and strength of character, essential life skills thanks Wentworth."

Senior school students have been sitting their Cambridge examinations throughout Term 4. The students were well prepared in the content of their courses as well as in how to achieve success in their papers. We look forward to hearing of their successes when the results are released in January.

Bruce Tong
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



YEARS 1, 2 AND 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Each year the students in Years 1, 2 and 3 attend intensive swimming lessons at the Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre, held over an eight day period. All the students had a massive improvement in their water confidence and stroke correction. By the end of the programme they were all swimming like fish!



INTER-SCHOOL SOCCER

The Years 5/6 Inter-School soccer tournament was held at the Stanmore Bay Football Club. It was a great day with top quality soccer played by all the schools and lots of fun was had by all.



DARJIT SCULPTURES

On 13 June, Years 4, 5 & 6 students had the opportunity to create sculptures using the art of 'Darjit'. Under the watchful eye of a visiting artist, students created works of art using recycled products such as paper, clay and silica, as well as old jewellery and marbles.

SCIENCE WEEK

This is an annual Science competition comprised of daily Science questions in which each class participates. Students also participated in chemistry experiments using Pulses with the Years 12 and 13 students at Wentworth College.



KELLY TARLTON VISIT

How do penguins survive in the Antarctic winter? Do all fish live in salt water? These and many more questions were answered in our trip to Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium. This trip was a study in animal habitats and how they have adapted to their environments.



YEAR 6 WELLINGTON TRIP

The two-day trip to Wellington is one of the highlights of the year for Year 6 students. As well as visiting the National Library and seeing many of the stored archives, they also visited Parliament. Here they met with Mr Mark Mitchell, the MP for Rodney, and visited the parliamentary gallery where they witnessed democracy in action. The trip also included a visit to Te Papa Museum and the Gallipoli exhibition and Weta Workshop to watch how the TV series 'Thunderbirds' was made.



SCHOOL DISCO

The School Disco was a fund raiser for our World Vision sponsorship. The School Council voted for a Western themed disco and, with the invaluable help of Wentworth Families and Friends, the night was a rootin' tootin' success, with fun had by all.



ANZ AMBASSADOR

Students were treated to a visit from the ANZ Sports Ambassador, Joe Sullivan. Joe won a gold medal in the 2012 London Olympics in the men's double sculls (rowing). Joe gave an inspirational talk outlining his journey to Gold.



ECONOWASTE VISIT

"Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" formed an important part of our Science topic on Climate Change and how we can reduce our waste at home and at school. The trip to the Silverdale Transfer Station showed the students the amount of rubbish collected in a day and what happens to that rubbish. We all came back inspired to do our bit to ease the amount of waste we produce.



INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A select group of Years 5 and 6 competitors ran at the Inter-School Cross Country competition. All the runners recorded commendable results. Well done.



INTER-SCHOOL HOCKEY

The Years 5/6 Hockey team competed at the Inter-School Hockey Competition held at the North Harbour Hockey stadium. It was a great day of competition, showcasing fair play and skills. Everyone had a great time.



MATHS WEEK

While facing daily mathematics questions throughout the week, the highlight of Maths week is the annual Parents versus Students competition. This year the theme was Maths Olympics and the students chose the countries that they represented. The parents were allocated North, South, West and East Pole. After much mental and physical exertion, the students once again remained undefeated!



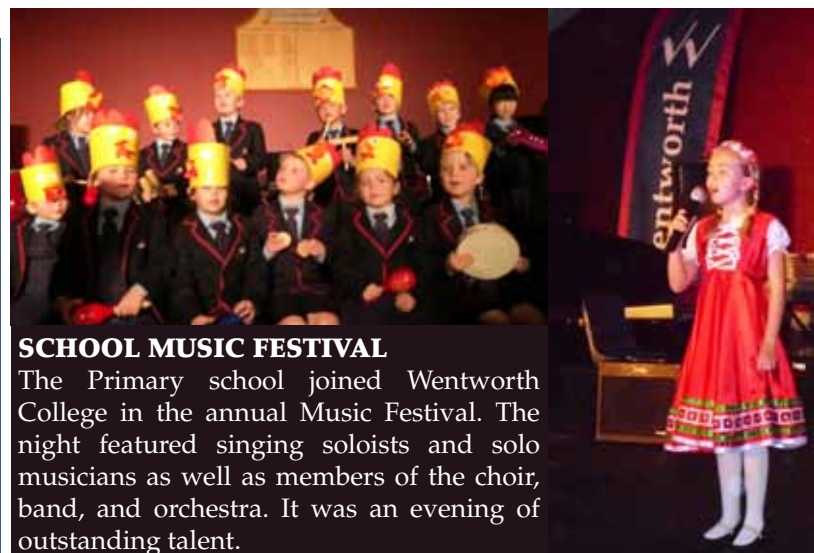
SCHOOL PRODUCTION – "ROBINA HOOD"

The annual school production was again a spectacular success this year. This whole school production featured a female Robin Hood, a good Sherriff of Nottingham and an evil step mother with lots of other twists and turns. It was an outstanding success, with costumes, music and laughter.



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Between periods of poor weather, the whole school participated in the annual school cross country competition. The only instructions were 'Give it a go' and 'Have fun' and indeed, everyone followed these instructions to the letter!



SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Primary school joined Wentworth College in the annual Music Festival. The night featured singing soloists and solo musicians as well as members of the choir, band, and orchestra. It was an evening of outstanding talent.



AIMS GAMES

Wentworth Intermediate students had a successful week at the AIMS games in Mount Maunganui. The week featured over 9,000 students from 270 different schools and the results show that Wentworth students performed exceptionally well. The Netball team finished 4th in B grade and 36th overall out of 110 teams. This was an awesome result for the team and a credit to all players, as well as to our coach, Tania Cargo. In Swimming, Lewis Pangalila won a silver medal in the 200m Backstroke and also made 6 other finals, which was a fantastic effort. In Golf, Helen Yeom placed 11th overall after four rounds of golf played on different courses, with her scores progressively improving each day. Overall this was an outstanding week and a top effort by our students.



ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

Well done to all runners for a successful event. Two school records were broken – one by Conor Donovan the other by Millie Wilton.

1st	Fleming	646 points
2nd	McDonald	642 points
3rd	Findlay	580 points



Hockey has become our most played sport at Wentworth College. In 2016 we have fielded 5 teams across all the age grades and we are extremely pleased and excited with the progress and performances of all players. We had two teams playing on Monday nights in the Intermediate grade North Harbour competition. These teams were enthusiastically coached by senior students and despite playing in some horrendous, wet conditions, they performed brilliantly. Our Senior Boys' team placed 3rd in their grade and with a large number of young players, they should continue to develop well. We had two Senior Girls teams this year, and all players had a positive and committed season. Overall, the enthusiasm, commitment and energy that Wentworth students have shown towards Hockey in 2016 will be hard to match and sets us up well for the future.



North Island Snow Boarding Champs

Held at Turoa Ski field, David Jones was the sole competitor from Wentworth College. The weather was misty and snow conditions were very slushy - 'challenging' at best. David had a fantastic win with total final points of 129 in the Slope Style competition in the terrain park.



North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition (NISSC)

In September the Wentworth Ski Team headed to Turoa to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Competition. After a warm-up day on Sunday, students competed in the Giant Slalom on Monday, and a duel (competing against another student with a similar time achieved on the Monday) taking place on Tuesday. Monday saw a very icy course with many competitors from other schools skidding out, so caution and survival were the themes of the day and all of our skiers successfully completed the course.

Overall out of 129 teams, our A team came 75th, and our B team (with only 3 skiers) came 107th.



Year 12 - Physical Education students' trip to Queenstown

The senior Physical Education students travelled to Queenstown for the annual ski trip. Despite some atrocious weather in other parts of the country, conditions at Cardrona were amazing and the students received tuition in skiing and snowboarding while completing a number of Cambridge assessments. It was a great week and an awesome experience for all involved.





Sailing

After qualifying for the 2016 Inter-Dominion Schools' Team Sailing Championship back in April, Wentworth sailors performed exceptionally well at the Inter-Doms, held in September at Algies Bay, winning third place overall (and beating Australia as well!). With only 2.5 points between first and fourth placings, this was a fantastic achievement. The squad consisted of Liam Herbert, Sean Herbert, Harper Johnston, Oliver Reeves, Anja Krehl, Mikayla Butler, Sam Haggerty and Kelly Main.



Rowing

The new rowing season is now underway with a number of senior students returning, as well as a good intake of novice rowers keen to be involved. Training takes place at the gym most days with weekend training on the water. With students working hard and showing promise, we are looking forward to the busy season ahead.



Music Festival

Held in August, the annual Music Festival showcased a great range of talent amongst Wentworth students. Items included solo piano, guitar, drums, singing and wind instruments, as well as the Wentworth Orchestra, Blues band, Irish band, Jazz band, rock bands and various Primary school ensembles.



"An Inspector Calls"

Audiences were thoroughly entertained at our annual School Drama Production towards the end of Term 3. The story involved a mysterious inspector who arrives in the middle of a family celebration to confront a self-satisfied family with their past indiscretions. Well done to all the cast and crew!



Stage Challenge

On the last day of Term 3, 60 Wentworth students took part in Stage Challenge, a global event involving dance, design and drama where the students are the stars. Our theme this year was 'The Circus of Life'. With a lit-up circus tent as a backdrop, and flashing lights on some of the costumes, Wentworth students gave of their best in an energetic and vibrant performance. Huge thanks to the parent helper, Mrs Belinda Langman, who gave so much support with costumes and lighting, both before the event and on the day. Well done to all!



Tree Adventures

Our International students were able to enjoy a day out of the classroom to experience fun, Kiwi-style, at Tree Adventures in West Auckland. With 10 different courses ranging from 3 to 14 metres above the ground, students had to overcome their fear of heights while negotiating a series of above-ground obstacles, ending with an exhilarating flying fox ride which brought them swiftly back to earth.



Senior School Ball

On a Saturday night in August, over 100 Wentworth students and their partners dressed in their finery to attend the annual Senior School Ball. Held at the beautiful Stamford Plaza Hotel in Auckland city, students looked fantastic and everyone had a wonderful time. Congratulations to our Head Prefects and the Ball Committee for organising such a successful event.



Marine Studies

Marine Studies' students continued their practical work throughout Terms 2 & 3. The first trip involved fieldwork at the Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre. Students were involved with dissections, water sampling and identification of marine invertebrates, followed by a tour of the laboratories used by the University of Auckland.

During Term 3, Marine Studies' students worked on their Marine VHF Operator Certificate which is heavily theory based. To put this theory into context, they were invited by the local Coastguard team onto "Hib 1"; the rigid inflatable boat (RIB) operating from the Gulf Harbour Marina. The premium position of Wentworth's location in the Hauraki Gulf enables us to take advantage of outstanding learning opportunities on our doorstep.



Critical Thinking

Term 3 saw the Wentworth students' garden begin to take shape. From the planning and design stages, the Years 7 & 8 students have displayed teamwork, leadership and initiative. Our willow den is growing at a great rate, and our vege garden is enjoying the worm tea, produced in our own worm farm. In order to raise money to help us fund the garden, a number of groups chose to hold a fundraiser at the Garden Party which was held at the end of term. The event was great fun, with a range of food and drink stalls, as well as garden games and fun activities. A huge \$700 was raised and is a great achievement by a group of very hard-working Wentworth students!



Master Mind

During Term 3, Years 7 & 8 students battled it out in a Mastermind competition complete with big chair and scary music. They answered as many questions as they could in 90 seconds on their chosen topic, which proved to be quite a feat! The range of specialist subjects ranged from Harry Potter to Sailing to the Rugby World Cup. Our panel of judges were excellent, as was the support from the audience. Well done to all involved – we are currently preparing for a Mastermind Final!

Motuihe Island

As part of NZ Conservation Week, Years 7 & 8 Sailors experienced an amazing day of adventure at sea and exploring Motuihe Island. Students were given a guided tour of the island and helped with the planting of Kauri trees.



Olympics Day

As the world's largest sporting event took place in Rio during August, Wentworth Years 7 & 8 students held their own Olympics Day. Students were allocated different countries and then put through a variety of team challenges and activities. It was a lot of fun and great to see our students demonstrating the Olympic values of respect, excellence and friendship.

1st Place for Wentworth!!

A group of Years 7 and 8 students took part in this year's Junior Technology Challenge held at Orewa College. Working in teams of 4, the students had to undertake 3 challenges over a 30 minute period per challenge. Twelve other schools took part this year with a total of 235 students. All Wentworth teams were placed highly with one of the Year 7 teams achieving first place.





Sam Pearson (Alumni 2011)

Looking back on my years at Wentworth College, I credit much of my success to the skills and knowledge I acquired during my time there. After leaving Wentworth I spent a few years studying Computer Science at the University of Auckland, before joining the Royal New Zealand Air Force in January 2015 as an Air Warfare Specialist. I officially completed my training in July 2016 and earned my AWS Brevet (Wing). As an Air Warfare Specialist it is my responsibility to operate the sophisticated sensors on board the P-3K2 Orion Maritime Patrol Aircraft. At 5 Squadron I routinely participate in Search and Rescue, Fisheries Protection and Anti-Submarine exercises. Through the RNZAF I have already had the opportunity to visit several Pacific Islands and Malaysia, with many other trips on the horizon. Life in the New Zealand Defence Force is highly rewarding and I recommend it to anyone considering a career in the military.



Daffodil Day

Held in Term 3, Daffodil Day saw students supporting the Cancer Society through donating to take part in a multi-day at school (with the theme being anything yellow), as well as purchasing daffodils to pin on their blazers. This was a very vibrant and successful day, with over \$400 being raised for the Cancer Society.



Current Students vs Alumni

During Term 3, a group of past (alumni) Wentworth hockey players pitted themselves against our current student hockey teams in a friendly but energetic hockey tournament. Participants all enjoyed this blast from the past, with our current students finding it very inspirational.