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The Wentworth Board of Trustees wish to formally welcome our new Deputy Principal, Mr Philip Lee. Mr Lee commences his position at the start of Term 4. The Wentworth Board was very pleased to appoint Mr Lee who won the position from a large and impressive field of high quality applicants.

Mr Lee's most recent position was that of Assistant Principal at ACG Senior College. He has also worked as Head of English at Rotorua Lakes High School and Otorohanga College where he later went on to be appointed Deputy Principal. During Mr Lee's time at Senior College he developed an outstanding record of student achievement with the Cambridge Examination system.



As a Cambridge University recognised "Master Teacher", Mr Lee has particular interest in developing excellence in teaching and learning as well as being highly experienced with coordinating pastoral care systems within the schools at which he

has taught. The Association of Independent Schools of New Zealand awarded Mr Lee an "Excellence in Teaching" award in 2006, first in category for Year 11-13 students.

Mr Lee has a Master of Arts (First Class Hons) degree from Waikato University and a Diploma in Teaching, as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in School Management.

Our current Deputy Principal, Mr Wackrow, will continue his excellent work at the school but will reduce his teaching hours and will be working 3 days a week. I believe Mr Lee and Mr Wackrow will create an outstanding senior management team who will be the operational leaders and managers of both Wentworth schools.

Prefect and senior student involvement with school activities has been outstanding throughout Term 3. Students have been coaching and managing sports teams, organising and running inter-house sports competitions

at lunchtimes, assisting and acting in our two school drama productions and helping with fundraising events such as the highly successful "Fear Factor" competition.

Senior students have also been involved with helping students with their studies. An excellent peer tutoring programme has operated throughout the term; senior students were paired with juniors to help them with their school and homework. Associated with this was the highly successful Junior Science Club where senior scientists ran very



exciting lunchtime science experiments for juniors to participate in and enjoy.

Prefects and seniors have also taken responsibility in working with the Primary School, reading stories to the Year 1 & 2 children, coaching sports teams and assisting with Primary School events such as the school cross country.

I commend this year's seniors for their dedication and contribution towards school life and their wonderful Wentworth school spirit.

Senior student focus is now firmly on preparing for the Cambridge Examinations that run throughout Term 4. I wish all students the very best for these exams; their hard work and careful exam preparation will pay dividends in mid January when the results are released.

The Global Power of the Cambridge Examination System

A recent article in the University of Cambridge International Examinations publication, "Cambridge Outlook", examined just how internationally accepted the qualification is worldwide. Knowing that a Cambridge qualification opens doors to universities worldwide is one of the main reasons why schools use this qualification system.

Within the United States of America, 450 universities recognise and accept Cambridge International AS and A levels. 100% of Ivy League universities also recognise the qualification. According to the article, what universities particularly like about the system is its academic rigour, how learners think independently and can analyse and synthesise information, as well as the success of learners in engaging in all aspects of university life.

Sally Lindsley, Senior Director of Admissions, University of Michigan, comments – "We are looking for students who come to university with the ability to think critically, to be able to articulate... and to write their thoughts so that they understand the full scope of what they have learned and are about to learn. We have found that students with Cambridge AS and A level backgrounds, because of its internationally normed curriculum, have excellent preparation to do that and take full advantage of what a research university in the United States has to offer them."

Bruce Tong

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Wentworth Primary School parents and friends were treated to a wonderful pantomime of Sleeping Beauty performed in the College Hall. It was a spectacular event and the hall was packed with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.



BOOK CHARACTER DAY

In support of the Rodney Foodbank Wentworth held a book character day on the 19th of August. Along with the opportunity to donate to a good cause, the day was aimed at encouraging students to be involved in reading. The day was a superb success with an amazing array of costumes. The Wiggles even took the opportunity to visit the Primary School.



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

This term's senior production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* was probably the most entertaining of all school productions to date. Under Ms Gamble's direction, the students' acting of the well known Oscar Wilde play was superb and had the audience in absolute fits of laughter. Congratulations to Ms Gamble, cast and crew.

Cast and Crew Members were: Cameron Beach, Madison Clarke, Ida de Smet, Greer Donovan, Ashlin Hannon, Carl Leducq, Daniel Lindsay, Joshua Ovenden, Kyla Peters, Ashleigh Ryder, Julia Tillett, Lauren Ward and Scott Williams.



Fear Factor

The Wentworth Live Fear Factor show was held on the evening of Saturday September 10th as a fundraiser for the students travelling to China. Ms Worthy and Carl Leducq organised this brilliant evening of challenges. The whole gymnasium was needed for the large range of fearful tasks that had been set up ready for contestants to undertake. These included eating unpleasant items, handling frightening insects, diving amongst eels in a huge temporary swimming hole and fishing for items in mud and gore. Many brave souls undertook the challenges. The eventual winner was Rory Donovan with Madison Clarke runner-up.



AIMS TOURNAMENT

Twenty-five of our Year 7 & 8 students took part in this year's Aims Tournament held at Mt Maunganui. Nearly 5000 intermediate students took part in these games. Particular thanks goes to our parents and staff who assisted with this event.



NETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 8 Wentworth team who won their Intermediate Championship.



YEAR 12 PE CLASS IN QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown once again proved to be an ideal location for our Year 12 PE students to fulfil the necessary practical requirements of their PE coursework. Students were again fortunate this year to enjoy 4 days of perfect weather for their practical assessments before returning home, injury-free and with many lasting memories.



MATHEX

Mathematics week this year again involved competitions between individuals and the School Houses. The Mathex Competition involves House teams solving mathematical problems and sending their answers via runners to the markers. Prefect Jess Daly was responsible for the competition which ran without hitch in the College gymnasium.



JAPANESE VISIT

Japanese students from Ritsumeikan Junior High School near Sendai visited Wentworth College for a fortnight during September. The students were here to tour Auckland and its surrounds, to polish up their English and to see how life in schools in New Zealand compares with their own in Japan. This is the second year that we have hosted this prestigious Japanese school.

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Year 11 Geographers travelled to Tawharanui to undertake studies in the causes that have created the coastline around Omaha and its environs. Activities included measuring wave height and coastal drift or currents and observing how wave-cut platforms are formed. They also studied the effect that man has had on the Omaha environment.



ECONOMICS TRIP TO WELLINGTON

This term the Year 13 Economics class visited Wellington as part of their studies. As well as a tour of Wellington their itinerary included visits to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and to Parliament Buildings where they met with Lockwood Smith.





FENCING AT WENTWORTH COLLEGE

Two of our fencers attended the Australian u/20 National Championships in Melbourne from 5 to 10 October. We have had brilliant results and are very proud of our girls, Jazmin Hopper and Stephanie Wylie. Competition in Australia is of a very high standard and it is not easy to be in the top 10 of any of the events.

Stephanie Wylie came 9th in the Individual Foil event. Jazmin was 7th in Individual Epee. Jazmin was a member of the team that won gold in the Team Epee event. It is the first time since 1997 that women from New Zealand have won Gold in Australia.

ECONOMISTS MEET HENRY

Our Year 13 Economists met up with Graham Henry while on their trip to Wellington. He was most grateful for their advice for the coming finals.



MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Mock examinations were held at the end of Term 3. These examinations simulate the real ones to be held next term and allow students to evaluate how their study is progressing.



SAMOAN RWC SIDE TRAIN AT WENTWORTH

The Samoan Ruby World Cup Team sought permission to train on the Wentworth astroturf prior to their final game. They took time to meet with our students.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

September and October are months where our Technology students really pick up the pace to ensure they finish their soft or hard materials project prior to the commencement of study leave. This year we again saw an array of fine technology projects completed.



New South Wales Examination Success

Congratulations to Madeleine Whittaker who achieved Distinction and High Distinction in English and Writing in the New South Wales Examinations.

