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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

An Extract from "It's About Learning" – Stoll, Fink and Earl

"Although adults often wonder what planet adolescents come from, their thinking is not really as bizarre as it sometimes appears. Young adolescents are facing their first identity crisis. They are full of both excitement and fear. Adolescents are embroiled in establishing themselves and coming to grips with some basic structures of thinking and their own culture. They explore conflict and contrasts and the differences between fact and fiction. They use their imagination to play out all the moral and social dilemmas that exist in society. In all of this they are consummate 'learners' acquiring skills, knowledge and dispositions that will form the basis for their adult lives.

Learning at this stage is dramatic and 'over the top'. Nothing is static or predictable and there is tremendous variability within any group. Adolescents are sitting on the cusp of adulthood, developing their intellectual skills and habits that will serve them for a lifetime, at a time when they are experiencing the greatest emotional and physical changes.

As teachers and parents they will need us to set the boundaries and support them in their learning and growing."

The literacy skills and knowledge that students bring to their learning is central to their academic success. Adolescents can show the greatest literacy development (reading, writing, speaking) and need to work hard at acquiring literacy skills.

Secondary school students must be able to: read and understand large amounts of text, often on unfamiliar topics; learn specialised and technical vocabulary; master knowledge of the various text structures that are used to organise subject material and make meaning from texts that teachers use for instruction. They must be able to read beyond the literal recall of facts and they must develop the skills to interpret, apply, interact with and produce a variety of texts at different levels.

Having excellent literacy skills opens the door to learning at the highest levels and must always be promoted by families and schools.

Michael Leach, Principal

FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

All parents are invited to the Family & Friends Meeting taking place on **Wednesday 21st September** at **7:30pm** in the College staffroom. Our teacher in charge of Health Education, Claire Joyce, will be presenting information regarding the current Health Curriculum.

Mark Twyman - Chairperson: BDSC: Family & Friends - 021-978070 - friends@bdsc.school.nz



Botany Downs Secondary College ‘Welcome Word’

Year 10 students at Botany Downs Secondary College have been hard at work creating a giant welcome word for the Rugby World Cup. Three classes used New Zealand icons such as koru, kowhaiwhai patterns, NZ fauna and flora to create stencils to decorate the giant letters that spell out ‘Greetings’ to visitors to the Rugby World cup.

The initial concept was developed by the entire Visual Art Department; Year 10 teachers Megan Cunningham, Grant Whibley, Jonathan Clark as well as Head of Department Tina Clapperton who oversaw the scheduling of classes on the letters. “It was great to see the Year 10 students get so involved in planning and completion of a project of this magnitude” said Tina Clapperton. Instead of decorating the letters the stencils were used to form a pattern around the letters. The design will be clearly visible from aeroplanes landing at Auckland International Airport when it is placed at the Manukau Sport Dome but is equally impressive up close where one can admire the range and detail of images that students have drawn inspiration from. The obvious symbols such as sheep and gumboots sit alongside images of boots and whistles with cultural patterns. Students have taken several weeks to complete a mammoth task while senior students have looked on enviously and occasionally spent a few minutes helping out.

The initial concept was that classes would take ownership and complete individual letters. Like many collaborative projects the concept evolved to the point where classes worked together on letters and even used each other’s stencils to create the pattern. The simple white on green colours scheme is highly effective and was recently unveiled in the school grounds. The size of the project was daunting and students did well to persevere in completing the largest art project the school has ever seen.



130ED in the SNOW!!!



Thought it was cold during the big freeze in the middle of August when it 'snowed' in Auckland? Then spare a thought for the 14 Year 13 Outdoor Education students that were down at Tongariro National Park doing their final 'Bush Survival' assessment for the year.

Despite the weather the students were able to have an amazing experience due to their care in preparing the correct equipment and their attitude to make the most of it. Plans were altered with safety in mind and the 17km walk between the Mangatepopo hut and Wakapapiti was changed to a navigational assessment based around the hut. During this time the students were able to go off track and wade through thigh deep snow drifts.

The third day was the one that everyone had been looking forward to with the students completing their river crossing assessments in the partially frozen Whakapanui stream. It was cold standing on the bank watching, so must have been freezing in the water!

The only down side to the trip was the high wind on the fourth and final day cut the skiing and snowboarding day short. Only Happy Valley was open and conditions were terrible for teaching. Tokaanu Hot Pools were calling pretty loud and a great way to end the trip.





BOXES OF LOVE FOR CHRISTCHURCH



Students from every Whanau have been busy putting together gift boxes for families, boys, girls, teenagers, to be distributed in Christchurch as part of a Rotary programme to provide further support to families as a 'pick-me-up'. Prettily wrapped gift boxes have been steadily building up in the Reception area awaiting collection.

Mathematics Learning Area

THE NATIONAL BANK JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

90 students from BDSC participated in this very challenging competition in term one. The following students have obtained excellent results:

Norine Ma 10B1 – came third nationally in year 10 division.

Top 100 winners:

Edward Wang 10S4; **Daniel Cheah** 11D9; **Ji Min Jang** 11S10; **Leo Kang** 11D9; **Tzu-Jui Lin** 11D9

Top 200 winners:

Torrance Kam 9J11; **Kejia Khoo** 10B1

Merit award winners:

Jonathan See 9J11; **Brian Choi** 9D9; **Spencer Groom** 9J11; **Catherine Kang** 9J11;
Kelyn Ferguson 10B1; **James Lee** 10B1

CASIO MATHEX COMPETITION 2011

This competition was held at the ASB Stadium on Wednesday 17th August for year 9 and year 10 students. The competition consisted of 20 questions and lasted for 30 minutes.

As in the past BDSC was represented by 2 year 9 teams and 2 year 10 teams. There were a total of around 90 teams at each level.

Our year 9 team A finished with a score of 80 points and team B with a score of 65 points.

Our year 10 team A finished with a score of 85 points and team B with a score of 70 points. Team A came in 5th equal position.

Although our teams did not come in the top three places, the team members had a great time and they have indeed represented our school well.

It was a very exciting evening for all the participants, the audience and the markers.

Year 9 Team A members:

Hannah Bennet 9J11
Rishika Chopara 9J11
Jonathan See 9J11
Inha Ryu 9J5

Year 9 Team B members:

Lovejot Vaid 9K6
Saachi Shahri 9J11
Rhea Patel 9J11
Andrew Gan 9J5

Year 10 Team A members:

Norine Ma 10B1
Kejia Khoo 10B1
James Lee 10B1
Jacky Lo 10B1

Year 10 Team B members:

Edward Wang 10S4
Kelyn Ferguson 10B1
Cindy Cheung 10B1
Allan Chiang 10B1

STUDENT ACTORS ON THE JOB AT MIT

On Friday 26th August some lucky year twelve and thirteen drama students got to go to MIT for the day and act as patients for trainee nurses. The students met with Michelle Burr, the BN6 Coordinator from the MIT nursing block on Tuesday, and were given different scenarios. There were two mental health scenarios (one on depression, the other schizophrenia) and two community scenarios (both based around getting the HPV vaccine - one fainting and the other hyperventilating). The students were given in depth information about the different characters that they could be playing, but no actual script, this meant that students had to perform and sustain an extended improvised piece, convincingly. "I discovered that I was actually more of a method actor throughout the day, I was doing the depression scenario, and I found myself actually crying, not crying on cue as an actor, but actually crying as the depressed character," says Priya Sharma of year thirteen.

The trainee nurses had no idea where the actors had come from, and had no idea who they were, so it was something completely new for them, and they had to treat it as if it was a real situation. Students had to be in role as soon as they were in the "waiting room" not allowed to smile at any of the nurses or even strike up a conversation with them if it wasn't part of the character that they had created. This resulted in improvised pieces lasting anywhere up to thirty minutes. "The hardest part was getting out of role, thirty minutes was a long time to be a mental health patient, the only real way of doing it was chilling out afterwards and talking to some mates, just to remind yourself that it was all an act," says Leon Martin of year twelve. The day was as much of a test for the trainee nurses as it was for the students acting in role.

BJ Mallinson, *Student Reporter*

Our thanks o to Jane Kelly at MIT who ensured our students had a great day; to Mr Anton Bentley who led the trip and to the students who took part. They were once again a credit our school. This is the third time our school has taken part in this initiative.



Students enjoying the food between performances



Actors in role





JUNIOR PRODUCTION 2011: SHAKESPEARE

The Junior Production this year was a successful and enjoyable experience for all involved with it. This year we opted for a more 'decentralized' approach to the Junior Production with a student director for each of five Shakespeare plays that had been reduced to 15 minutes each.

Junior Production 2011 – 15 Minute Shakespeares involved some of Shakespeare's most popular and well-known plays. *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *Macbeth*, *Hamlet* and *The Tempest* were put on with an average cast size of 8 actors per play. It was an unusual experience in that most of the cast managed to have more lines than tradition usually allows in a cast of around 50.

There was a lot of development and progress from Botany Downs Secondary College's actors of tomorrow. They put on a fantastic show and I am proud of their efforts and accomplishments. Special mention needs to be made of the four student directors who gave so much time and creativity into making the production the labour of love that it was; Alex Soh, Priya Sharma, Brendan Rose and Kendall Young all excelled in their director chairs.

A big thank you goes again to the wonderful team of staff from all areas of the school, who give up their time and give of their talents to make productions happen.

Mark Johnson



ATC @ BDSC

On Friday September 16th the two year 10 Drama classes were given the opportunity to attend a Drama workshop at school, presented by members of The Auckland Theatre Company. **Amber McWilliams, Chris Neels, Sarah Trass** and **Asa Tofete** led the students through a variety of exercises to develop their ability to work as an ensemble. The workshop was based on the production *End of the Golden Weather* by Bruce Mason which the year 10 will be viewing next week at the Maidment Theatre. The students threw themselves into the activities and showed developing focus and great imaginations as well as discussing the work articulately with the actors.



Mrs Luton's Class working with the actors



Mr Johnson's class



The Drama department has recently received news about the AMI Showdown Awards

The AMI Showdown Awards 2011

A Christmas Carol

“Congratulations on your hard work this year with your production of *A Christmas Carol*. Your school has received the following nominations for the AMI Showdown Awards 2011.

Category

Best Costume Design

Best Set Design

Best Leading Male in a Play

Best Supporting Male in a Play

Show

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Carol

All productions are also nominated for the 2011 Best Overall Production Award. You can also vote for your production to win the People's Choice Award through our website, www.showdown.org.nz. “

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony which will be held at the Bruce Mason Theatre on October 5th, and tickets are \$20. We hope to get a bus together for this event. **See Mrs Luton for tickets and get voting!!!!**

PROCEDURE FOR RETURN AND RE-ISSUE OF SENIOR TEXTBOOKS FOR STUDY 2011

The Deadline for return of Senior Textbooks for

YEAR 13

TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

- Textbooks will become overdue as at
Wednesday 26th October

HOW DO I GET TEXTBOOKS FOR STUDY PURPOSES?

- Before your exams start please check with the library staff that the books you have are the ones issued to you. i.e.: Check Barcodes.
- Return **all library** resources and any textbooks not needed for study before 25^h October to the Study Centre foyer/Library.
- After 25th October pay your \$50 bond to the Finance Centre and collect a Proof of Payment Card
- With your card and textbooks go to the Study Centre foyer/Library to have them reissued.
- After your exams return all your textbooks to the Study Centre foyer/Library, and collect your card. Take signed card to the Finance Centre and collect your bond.

Finance Centre – Cash or Cheque Only (Cheques will be held, not banked)

NO EFTPOS available

PROCEDURE FOR RETURN AND RE-ISSUE OF SENIOR TEXTBOOKS FOR STUDY 2011

The Deadline for return of Senior Textbooks for

YEARS 11-12

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

- Textbooks will become overdue as at **1ST DECEMBER 2011**

DO TEXTBOOKS NEED TO BE RE-ISSUED FOR STUDY?

- The answer to the above question is **NO**.
 - If you are in Year 11 or 12 then you hold onto your textbooks (*all **Library books must be returned***) until you have finished your exams, return them to the Study Centre foyer/Library before the above date.
 - If you have already returned a textbook that you need for study come to the Study Centre foyer/Library to get another one issued.
 - **Before your exams start please check with the library staff that the books you have are the ones issued to you. i.e.: Check Barcodes.**
 - *If you do not return your textbooks by 30th November, they will be charged to your school account and you will not be able to borrow textbooks/library books next year until they have been returned or paid for.*
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BDSC Sport



EKIDEN

Ekiden which originated in Japan was run over a period of three days and a distance of 508km between the old capital of Kyoto to the modern capital of Tokyo; this was to celebrate the moving of the capital.

Friday 12th August saw each Whanau successfully compete in BDSC's very own Ekiden Run, where teams of six ran 12km.

Congratulations to the following:

1st Blake

2nd Discovery

3rd Endeavour

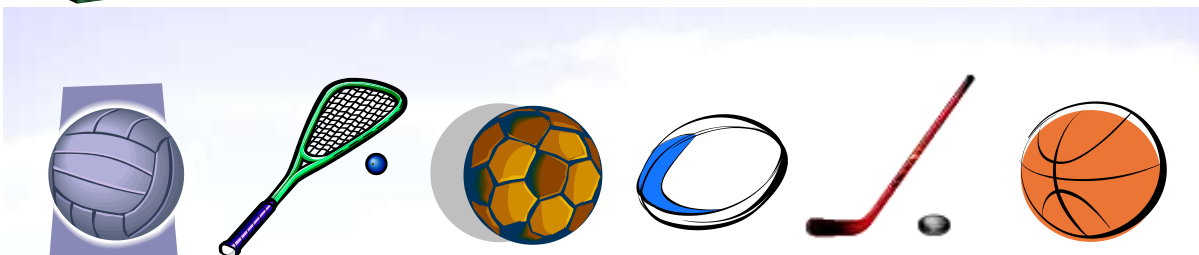
4th Spirit

5th Koru

6th Britten



Tournament Week



On Monday 22nd August, 5 BDSC sports teams travelled as near as Papakura and as far as Taupo for the annual Tournament Week. The week was a huge success with all teams that participated with extra congratulations to the 1st XI Girls Football who placed 1st and won the Kathy Seaward Trophy.

1st XI Girls Football:

Winners of the Kathy Seaward Trophy!

1st XI Boys Football:

Finished 14th

1st XI Boys Hockey:

Finished 5th

1st XI Hockey Girls:

Finished 11th

Premier Netball:

Finished 25th in A grade with a total of 96 teams over 3 grades.
Have also confirmed a premier grade position for next year.





Botany tops

(www.melville.co.nz/kathyseaward)

26.8.2011: Botany Downs Secondary College from East Auckland have won the 2011 Kathy Seaward Secondary Schoolgirl Tournament at Gower Park.

Botany beat Wellington's Aotea College 3-1 in the final thanks to a hat trick from diminutive striker Stephanie Trowill, who played with a heavily strapped shoulder after it was earlier feared she had broken her collar bone.

Trowill was the Golden Boot for the tournament, with an astonishing 21 goals.

New Zealand U17 striker Emma Rolston (see photo below) scored for Aotea in the final, taking her goal tally to 15. As with Trowill, most of her goals were slick solo efforts involving high technical skill.

Winning was a great achievement for Botany, which finished fifth at last year's tournament. The team had to survive the "Group of Death" in which it was pitted against strong teams from Cambridge, Taradale and Marist.



Eastern Cup

Rugby Tournament



This was the inaugural Eastern Cup Rugby Tournament where four teams played for the Eastern Cup Trophy.

Botany Downs, One Tree Hill College, Edgewater College and Howick College all participated in the one-day tournament which saw each team play three 20 minute games. The Tournament was a success with 120 players participating.

Congratulations to One Tree Hill College who took out the Tournament, taking home the Eastern Cup Trophy.

With this success and the support of the schools involved, I look forward to implementing the tournament as an annual fixture for rugby during Winter Tournament Week. A few people I would like to thank, firstly the schools who participated along with Jonathan Clarke, Samantha Monga and the BDSC Sports council Michael Dickason and Stephanie Fegan for making it possible.

As this was a non-profitable event I would like to thank our sponsors, New Flava Barbers, Body Business, Jesters Pies, Paradise Catering, Subway and Counties Manukau Sport for donating prizes and assisting with the funding for the day.





It is with great pleasure we announce the following students who have made an Auckland Rugby Rep Teams:

[Auckland U16](#)

Mahe Tuai 11B7

Nialiku Fatai 11B1

[Auckland U14](#)

Sean-Ben Kiria 9B1

Andrew Crawford 9J5

[Auckland U18 Regionals](#)

Brandon Bryant 13J5

Rugby Sevens



Plate Final

Botany Downs 24 (T Ng Shiu 2, S Shearer, L Troy tries, S Shearer 2 con)

Avondale 19 (S Ramatalei, J Soqueta, M Lino tries, M Lino 2 con)

Congratulations to the Rugby Sevens team who won the plate final against Avondale College in the Auckland Secondary Schools Rugby Sevens competition.



NZ Swimming Champs

Four students participated in the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Champs.

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding achievements:



Anna Sewell

- 10th 50m Breaststroke 13yrs
- 22nd 50m Freestyle 13yrs
- 13th 50m Butterfly 13yrs

Suzanne Oliver

- 6th 100m Freestyle 15yrs
- 9th 50m Freestyle 15yrs
- 7th 50m Butterfly 15yrs

Kirstyn Fisher-Marsters

- 5th 50m Breaststroke 13yrs
- 17th 200m Backstroke 13yrs
- 6th 200m Breaststroke 13yrs
- 4th 100m Breaststroke 13yrs

Quianna Thomson

- 8th 50m Backstroke 13yrs
- 9th 100m Freestyle 13yrs
- 3rd 200m Backstroke 13yrs
- 15th 50m Freestyle 13yrs
- 7th 200m Freestyle 13yrs
- 4th 50m Backstroke 13yrs

Table Tennis

This year we had 5 table tennis teams compete in various competitions. We had our A team which went down to Gillies Ave to play every Friday. This team was successful in winning the A2 grade. Because of this they were also selected for the Champions of Champions Tournament in which they also won!

Congratulations to the A team for their great achievements!



Looking Ahead

Prizegiving

Football

Wednesday September 21st

Netball

Thursday September 22nd

Hockey

Monday 26th September

Basketball

Tuesday 27th September

Sports Awards
Tuesday 4th October

2011 Sports Placings

The following are placements for each team at BDSC in their respective grades

Sport	Grade	Placing
Rugby	1 st XI	10 th
	6A	7 th
	6B	4 th
	6C	4 th
	5 th Grade	4 th
	Rugby Sevens	Winners in Auckland Sevens Tournament Plate Final
	Football	1 st XI Boys
2 nd XI Boys		10 th
3 rd XI Boys		3 rd
14A		8 th equal
14B		9 th
13B		5 th equal
1 st XI Girls		Season: /Tournament: 1 st
2 nd XI Girls		3 rd
Junior Girls		4 th
Netball		Premier
	Senior A	4 th Senior A Reserve Plate
	Senior B	4 th Senior C Championship
	Senior C	6 th Senior E Plate
	10A	4 th Int A Plate
	10B	3 rd Int D Championship
	10C	6 th Int F Grade
	9A	6 th Junior A Championship
	9B	1 st Junior D Plate
	9C	6 th Junior E Plate
Hockey	1 st XI Boys	7 th
	Junior Boys	5 th
	1 st XI Girls	3 rd
Basketball	Open Boys	3 rd
	U17 Boys A	5 th equal
	U17 Boys B	6 th
	U15 Boys	1 st Eastern Zone Grade

	U19 Girls	2 nd
	U17 Girls	5 th
	U15 Girls	3 rd
Squash	Senior A Boys	5 th
	Senior B Boys 1	6 th
	Senior B Boys 2	7 th
	Junior A Boys	1 st equal
	Senior C Girls 1	4 th
	Senior C Girls 2	7 th equal
Table Tennis	A	1 st A2 Grade
	C2	Winners of the C2 Grade
Inline Hockey	2 nd in Auckland Comp, 4 th in Nationals	
Touch	Mixed	3 rd
	Girls	9 th
	Boys	6 th

Watch out for the following students who are performing throughout the Rugby World Cup



Opening ceremony: Priya Sharma, Denishree Perumal

Past students: Chanel Paulus-riding on the boat, Jamie MacAllister, Prianka Govender, Laura Flanagan

Flash mob-Aotea square/Half time at all Eden park games: Hiria Bell, Sarah Dartnall, Helen Nyantachi, Casey Dutoit

And 20-40 members of the BDSC Bring it on team

Watch out for them on TV ☺



1st XI Girls' Football Tournament

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During Tournament Week, the 1st XI Girls' Football team travelled down to Hamilton to take part in the Kathy Seaward Tournament. Having achieved 5th place in 2010, the team had been working hard all year in order to achieve at least a Top 4 placing in 2011.

During the first three days of the tournament, the team played five matches in pool play, in what the organisers had deemed the 'Group of Death'. As four teams out of the six were capable of achieving a Top 6 placing, however, only two teams could go through to the quarter-finals. BDSC won Pool B and advanced to the quarters to play the 2010 tournament winners, Napier Girls. After a slow start BDSC managed to secure a 2-1 which saw them advance to the semi-finals that same afternoon.

The semi-final was the seventh match played by the team during the week and many of the team were tired and carrying injuries. Despite this, the team won the semi 3-0 against St Mary's College (Wellington) to advance to the final on Friday.

Unfortunately during the semi-final match, star striker Steph Trowill fell awkwardly and was sent to the A&E with a suspected collar bone fracture, leaving Coach Nikki Hartnett-Clarke to make some tough decisions about the team to field on the Friday, as the team only had 12 players who were not injured.

The final against Aotea College (Porirua) was really exciting and started with the teams being presented to the crowd of around 150 people. From the start of the match BDSC was dominant and fortunately, **Steph Trowill** was diagnosed with a joint injury, rather than a broken collar bone and played heavily strapped. She scored a hat-trick in the final, taking the team to a 3-1 and winning the Kathy Seaward Trophy! Not only that, she won the **Golden Boot Award** scoring 22 goals throughout the tournament.

The team played so well during the tournament and really worked well as a team unit. They made the school proud and conducted themselves so well, that many of the teams who stayed to watch the final were cheering them on to win. All in all it was a really fun week and a great end to the season!



2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday, 21 st September	6:00 p.m. Football Awards Evening
	7:30 p.m. Family & Friends Association Meeting
Thursday, 22 nd September	5:00 p.m. Netball Awards Evening
26 th – 30 th September	ARTS Week CANTEEN Support Week
Monday, 26 th September	6:00 p.m. Hockey Awards Evening
Tuesday, 27 th September	Basketball Awards Evening
27 th , 28 th & 29 th September	7:00 p.m. PULSE Dance Production
30 th September	Mufti Day
4 th October	Sports Awards Dinner
Thursday, 6 th October	Last Day of Term 3 for students
Friday, 7 th October	Teacher Only Day (Ministry Award for new curriculum preparation)
TERM 4	Tuesday, 25 October to Friday, 9 December
Wednesday, 2 nd November	4:00 p.m. Year 12 Awards Ceremony
	7:00 p.m. Year 13 Awards Ceremony
Thursday, 3 rd November	1:00 p.m. Year 11 Awards Ceremony

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items accumulated in the lost property which should be collected by their owners. Please remind your student to check with Student Services if an item has been lost this year. All items not collected by the last day of this term (6th October) will be donated to Charity.

Quiz Invite – What do you know about broadcasting standards in New Zealand?

If you would like to take part in a short quiz about broadcasting standards in New Zealand please visit www.bsquiz.net.nz

The quiz is fun and informative. It will test your knowledge of, and also let you know more about, broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

The quiz is being run on behalf the Broadcasting Standards Authority.

We hope that you get lots of answers right and also learn more about broadcasting standards in New Zealand.

Broadcasting Standards Authority/Te Mana Whanonga Kaipaho

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