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**BOTANY  
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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Adolescents entering the adult world of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will read and write more than at any other time in human history. They will need advanced levels of literacy to perform their jobs, run their community and conduct their personal lives. The explosion of media and technology has made it more important that students master the core skills of gathering and evaluating evidence. Reading and writing with independence and confidence will remain important skills in this information age. Language competency, reading, writing, speaking and listening are the foundations of learning in other disciplines.

Literacy is so important for success at every level. Making sure your children read more, write more, learn more words and express themselves fluently will enhance their achievement levels.

Mike Leach, Principal

### FAMILY & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

All parents are invited to the Family & Friends Meeting taking place on **Wednesday 17th August** at **7:30pm** in the College staffroom. Updates will be provided on Family and Friends initiatives for 2011/2012 and the Principal will be providing a report on the outcomes of the recent Parent Survey.

BDSC in conjunction with the Family & Friends Association is seeking help to develop a BDSC business directory. The directory will allow members of the school community to search for associated businesses and service providers.

We are looking for a volunteer with database development experience to assist us with this endeavour and setup the "backend" of this online tool.

Please forward expressions of interest to:

**Mark Twyman - Chairperson: BDSC: Family & Friends - 021-978070 - [friends@bdsc.school.nz](mailto:friends@bdsc.school.nz)**

# 2011 Semester One Winners



## John Britten Whanau

*John Britten has had an awesome first semester. The fantastic results we achieved in Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Botany Challenge, 40 Hour Famine and The Choir have enabled us to claim the Whanau Shield once more.*

*John Britten Lead Students would like to thank all the students and teachers in Britten who have worked hard towards obtaining the whanau shield.*

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# National Culinary Fare

## Auckland - July 17th to 19th 2011

What an exciting time it was at the Culinary fare during the recent school holidays. It was a lot of stressful fun, great teamwork shown and encouraging support which helped our first BDSC team achieve success. **Lizann Potgeiter** received a bronze award for her entry in the School Challenge section which required her to prepare, cook and serve in 60 minutes: Salmon en crouete, with wilted spinach, Pommes Marquise with concasse tomatoes (hot) served with a Beurre blanc sauce. For the same section, **Andrea Swart** received a silver medal for her fine effort. Congratulations to both girls who worked hard, showed excellent organisational skills and produced a meal which displayed superb culinary talent as well. Excellent team work.

In the café breakfast section sponsored by Verkerks, **Kimberley Higham** produced a delicious brunch made up of scrambled eggs on focaccia, grilled bacon, kransky spider, stuffed tomato with a side of salad and salsa. Well done to Kimberley who also received a Silver award.



Not only do the girls have culinary talents, but they are pretty good at fixing the car when the battery decides to go flat.....



# Beef & Lamb Burger Competition 2014

This year we had two entries, one for the junior and senior sections.

**Raphael Jo 10B1** and **Darvina Maresh 13K6** were selected from the foods classes to put forward an entry to this year's Beef and Lamb Burger competition.

Both students received a participation certificate and are to be congratulated for the fine work they did in organising themselves, practicing and producing a superb product on the competition day.

Their creations:

**Korean Burger**



**Lamb & grilled vege burger**



# Barista Competition at MIT

In term 2 the Secondary Schools Regional Barista competition was held at MIT.

We were fortunate to have had one entry in this competition – **Erin Han 13S10**.

She practiced extremely hard and ensured she had a good chance of making the gold category. We were very pleased with her efforts and overall she was placed 5<sup>th</sup>, receiving a **GOLD** medal for the Barista service and coffees she produced with a result of 93%. Well done Erin!



**The Parenting Through Separation programme** is now running at Willowbank School for all parents who are in the process of separating or considering separation. It is a free course delivered by Triple P New Zealand, working with a Family Court lawyer. Next course is (7 – 9pm) August 16 and August 23. **To register call Triple P New Zealand 579 1794**

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Storylines Festival of New Zealand Children's Writers and Illustrators

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# 10 Outdoor Leadership Tramp

Our 10ODL class along with **Ms Folks**, **Mr Hainsworth**, **Mr Hall** and **Mr Broadwell** went on a two day tramp through the Waitakere Ranges. After lesson planning we headed off in groups which we led from the Filter Station. We had various stops along the way including the dam. We passed the tramlines and we walked up and through muddy and steep terrain to get to our hut. We cooked our own meals and stayed the night at the hut. In the early morning we headed off along the Fairy Falls Track and were lucky enough to stop off to see the falls. After a long trek up the pipeline we were back where we started. It was an experience we will never forget.

By **Brooke Curtain**



## 1st XI Hockey Boys

Like many teams the 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys' hockey team has been busy fundraising to help with the costs of attending their tournament starting 21 August. Two sausage sizzles were held late in Term Two at Norman Ross and Harvey Norman Botany. The boys would like to thank the two businesses for supporting them with their fundraising. Last weekend the boys' team combined with the girls' hockey team for a carwash at BDSC; many thanks to all those involved. Good luck for the tournament!

**Norman Ross**<sup>®</sup>  
The Hub, Botany Downs

**Harvey Norman**

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# from the Music Department

The Smokefree Pacifica Beats contest was held on the first Saturday of the holidays. The band 5 Eighty (**Chelley Tautua, Ngaire Tautua, Leah Feetau, Danica Falanitama, and Taiva Ioane**) represented BDSC extremely well with a polished and energetic performance.

Congratulations to **Lisa Li** who was part of **The Green Room Trio** which won the Trio section of the South Auckland Music Competitions held at the end of Term 2. Lisa and two students from Howick College, performed Ortono Porteno by Piazzola.

The Solo Music Contest was held on Wednesday 13 July 2011. Congratulations to all of the finalists for performing so well. The contest was won by **Olia Wang** (Piano); second place **Kevin Choi** (Piano); and third equal **Matthew Padilla** (Voice) and **Bridget Wong** (Violin).

KBB Music Festival involving orchestras, chamber orchestras, concert bands and jazz bands from Auckland schools, is being held at the Holy Trinity Church in Parnell from Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August where it concludes with the Gala Concerts. The school Orchestra is participating in the evening session on Monday 15 August and will be on stage at 6pm. They have been rehearsing well all year and are looking forward to their first performance.

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## Gateway work experience news

Over the school holidays two senior students went on the ETCO (Electrical Training Company) camp; held at Ramarama, Martynsfield. Both enjoyed the week immensely, and remarked that the accommodations were 'more like a lodge'. This camp is the first of its kind in New Zealand and BDSC was privileged to be one of the schools' included in the pilot programme. As the week was such a success, another is planned for the next school holidays and two more of our students have already been accepted for it.

Also during the school break, several students went out on work experiences in retail, banking and the motor trade industries. Some of these students are amongst those who have now gained the Customer Service Award certificate, provided through the New Zealand Retail Institute. The volume of students who actively choose to do their work experience during a holiday break shows the high level of commitment our students have towards their school studies.

Currently, we have had over 40 students complete the Gateway programme this year, and we are now starting to plan for 2012. Prospective Year 12 and 13 students (2012) who wish to be considered for work experience and associated Unit Standards, should pick up a Gateway application form from Student Services, complete it, and put it in the box provided.

Ms Gillies  
Gateway Co-ordinator

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## New Zealand Model

# United Nations 2011



With resolutions, lobbying and debating, a Model United Nations Assembly (also known as MUNA) conference is a thrilling and educational simulation of the real thing for high school students. Six students from BDSC - **Aishu Joshi, Astha Kantroo, Tommy Long, Alex Soh, Emily Bennet and Aarushee Kaul** - were chosen to represent six countries, down in Wellington for four exciting days at the annual New Zealand Model United Nations (NZMUN) conference, at the beginning of July this year. Around 350 students from across New Zealand and Australia assumed roles as delegates from the 192 UN member states, to address significant global issues and negotiate their countries stance.



The conference was held at Victoria University's Pipitea campus, with an opening reception at Parliament, regional group dinners around Wellington city, upstaged only, by a ball at Wellington's St James Theatre. As well as debating, the delegates lent a helping hand around rural and central Wellington, for the outreach programmes such as The Salvation Army, Barnados and Refugee services to name a few. Making connections between their outreach programmes and their Regional groups (Asia Middle East, Sub Saharan Africa, etc.) was the next challenge, before the debating began.



The three days of debating were intense for the first timers, and a lot was to be learnt from the key note speakers, conference assistants (most of who were law students at university), and fellow delegates. Resolutions proposed included military expenditure, the promotion of globalisation and interdependence, prevention of violence and crime against women, and the protection of people in non-self-governing territories, and many others.



Research and confidence were key during the debates but the conference offered a lot more to the budding delegates. MUN teaches students research skills and the craft of public speaking, but more importantly it develops the ability to think laterally, from another perspective, as students represent another country, not just their own thoughts. It's the epitome of placing yourself in another person's shoes. Important lessons in negotiation can be learnt as well, because it's not always easy convincing someone to see things from your point of view, especially where foreign relations are concerned. Voicing opinions can be daunting at first but the open and social atmosphere at MUN events easily swallows up any apprehension.



The conference ended at the old museum building, in typical MUN fashion with a humorous final resolution chaired by 'Donald Trump' and some teary goodbyes. The BDSC delegates had "the best four days ever" from the on-going 'meet and greets', the ball, the fun dose of education (no sarcasm intended), and of course, the late night and early morning walks through Wellington city, bonding with each other and our very patient teacher, Mr Andrew. Indeed we left with unforgettable memories, Facebook friend requests in the dozens, and aching, blistered feet. Not enough 'thank-yous' can cover the effort put in by Mr Andrew for organising the highlight of our year, nor can it cover his tolerance for putting up with us for four, long, days, with such an amiable attitude. The whole experience can be summed up by one completely, over used adjective - **AMAZING.**

***By Aarushee Kaul 11D9***



# BDSC SPORT



## TABLE TENNIS

Congratulations to the following players for their second year in the league, have won their respective grades in the inter-school competition. A-grade has qualified to represent BDSC at the 2011 Auckland Secondary Schools Table Tennis Tournament, held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### A Grade



Alex Law  
Suyog Nagarkar  
Alan Tang  
Angus Yuen



### C2 Grade

James Lee  
Jacky Lo  
Norine Ma  
Matthew Padilla

## Basketball



Congratulations to the Under 15 Girls who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the season!

The Under 15 Boys are playing Alfriston for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

# POLICE COMPETENCY TEST

This team selected was for students who have aspirations to join the Police Force. The Police Competency Test is a competition within the East Auckland area where each student must complete the physical course that Police must sit every two years. The winner is the team with the fastest time around the course.

Congratulations to the team: **Nathan Stone, Mongelique Bohm, Troy Larsen, Karenza Yates** and **Tony Ng Shiu** who successfully won the shield and have retained it for another year.

Congratulations to **Tony Ng Shiu** for the first equal fastest time.



# Football

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their first year in Premier Grade!



## NZ Trampoline Nationals

Congratulations to Sean Pearce for his following achievements at the NZ Trampoline Nationals:

1<sup>st</sup> in Junior International Men's Trampoline

2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior International Men's Synchronised Trampoline

4<sup>th</sup> in Junior International Double-Mini (DMT)

Won the cup for overall best trampoline performances for the year in the 15-17 age category

Won the cup for the best overall double mini performances for the year in the 15-17 age category

Double mini team won the cup for most points over the year

Qualified for the Australian Nationals in Adelaide held at the end of September

Congratulations again to Sean for these amazing achievements!

# BDSC Rugby 2011 Prize Giving

7:00 pm 31<sup>st</sup> August  
Blake Commons

Exciting door prizes to be won

## Inline Hockey

Our school inline team played in the secondary school league at Skateland in Mt Wellington. This year we finished in second place only one point behind St Kents. At the nationals we took a very strong team and were looking to make the semi-finals. We ended pool play in 2<sup>nd</sup> place beating Hamilton Boys High and Alfriston College. This was the first time any Auckland school had made the semi-finals. We played Keri Keri High who had not been scored against until our game. We lost to Keri Keri High school and ended up finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to the follow players: **Scott Henry, Ryan McGhie, Scott Randell, William Jackson, Oliver Finch, Danielle Petersen, Gareth Woodriff, Todd Henry, Logan Forsyth, Jordan Heath** and **Blake McCombe**.



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# NETBALL

**Stephanie Collins** and **Jessica Mahar** attended the New Zealand Under 17 Netball nationals in the holidays, Steph competed for Counties Manukau and Jess for Howick Pakuranga. Both girls performed to high standards.

Steph's Counties Manukau team came second overall and Steph was named in the tournament team.

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REGISTRATION DAY  
SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1 – 4 PM  
@  
207 Opaheke Road, Papakura

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[www.papakuraponyclub.org.nz](http://www.papakuraponyclub.org.nz)

President :	Anthony Van Den Bogaart	09 292 7223
Event Secretary :	Bernadette Raymond	09 296 1010

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Congratulations to our  
teacher of English and Dance,  
Miss Laura Wells  
who competed recently in  
the New Zealand National  
Ballroom Dance  
Championships and was  
placed 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## 2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August All Day	Asthma Bus on site
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	University of Auckland Course Advice Day
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August 7:30 p.m.	Family & Friends Association Meeting BDSC Staff Room
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> & Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August	WOW-Wee Awards
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Tournament Week
25 <sup>th</sup> August Closing Date	In Zone Enrolment Applications for 2012
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Guidance Team Evening “Drugs, Alcohol and your Teen”
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August 7:00 p.m.	Rugby Prizegiving
1 <sup>st</sup> September Closing Date	Out of Zone Enrolment Applications for 2012 NCEA External Entries Deadline
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit by Tonga U-16
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Senior School Examinations
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Ballot Date for Out of Zone Enrolments 2012
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September	ARTS Week
28 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> September	PULSE Dance Production
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Mufti Day
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Sports Awards Dinner
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 3 concludes
TERM 4	Tuesday, 25 October to Friday, 9 December

BDSC gratefully acknowledges the support of the following business partners





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**An Eastern Area Schools Wearable Art showcase and competition.**

**7pm, Thursday August 18th and Friday 19th.  
Botany Downs Secondary College Performing Arts Centre.**

**Tickets on sale at Botany College Finance Centre for \$10.**

**All proceeds will be donated to the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation**

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# THE GUIDANCE TEAM

**Presents an informative evening for  
parents on:**

## **DRUGS, ALCOHOL & YOUR TEEN**

Come to learn about the chemical world your  
children are growing up in

**Speaker: Mr Tom Claunch**, co-founder, clinical consultant  
at Capri Trust Private Hospital for Alcohol, Drugs & Gambling  
Problems. Tom is well known in his field in NZ & Overseas. He  
has a wealth of knowledge that every parent should hear,  
regarding teenage drug use.

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY**

**TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2011**

**7:30-9:30PM**

**Botany Downs Secondary College**

To be held in the Staff Room, accessible via main reception. For  
catering purposes and to register, email [b.divehall@bdsc.school.nz](mailto:b.divehall@bdsc.school.nz)

Refreshments available after the presentation

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