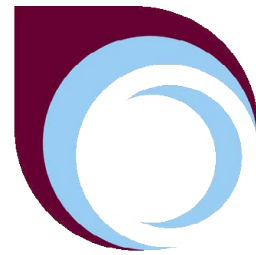




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and caregivers

At our previous Board meeting, our Charter for 2017 was adopted. The Charter sets out our mission, vision and values and strategic intents.

- Botany Downs Secondary College will have great teachers who are passionate, caring and innovative educators who will make a positive difference for our students.

BDSC teachers will show characteristics in line with the BDSC pedagogical model. A programme of professional learning and development will be implemented to ensure ongoing learning for all staff. Digital technologies will allow students to be active learners, and teaching will be transformed to facilitate this.

- Within the Whanau, students will be supported to cultivate their personal identity while achieving their potential according to the ideals of the Botany Downs Secondary College Graduate
- Enhance our physical environment to optimize teaching and learning
- Develop and sustain strong relationships and partnerships with our community

The Charter also contains the annual plans and achievement targets for the coming year. Further details may be found on our website. Our current website has been under redevelopment and we are looking forward at launching our new look early next term.

Thank you to all the parents and whanau who have supported the College over the last few weeks by attending our Family and Friends meeting, Fia Fia night, student performances at Polyfest and the many summer sporting events. Congratulations to Quinnlan Tupou (Rugby League, Touch) and Matt Shearer (Tennis) who were Junior Sportsman of the Year finalists at the recent annual Counties Manukau Sports Awards. Congratulations also

to our Mixed Touch Team who were placed second at regionals last weekend and are now through to Nationals being held later this year. Many thanks to the staff and parents who have made these opportunities possible.

Following the recent student interim reports, student-parent-teacher interviews are underway. Near the end of next term our senior students will be leading student led conferences with you and their mentor. This is an opportunity for senior students to have increased ownership of their academic progress, to share with their parents knowledge of their current subject courses (achievements to date and assessments ahead) and what they are aiming for (career pathway). Student led conferences also support the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and increase their self-confidence. In addition to the feedback you receive at the student-parent-teacher conferences, don't forget to please log onto our web portal for your child's formative subject comments. If your child has not done so already, ensure they have created a personal assessment calendar of due dates for assessments and assignments for the year which they can share with you so you can support them in meeting their deadlines.

I would like to thank students, parents, members of the community and staff who have supported the many opportunities available in the wider life of the college. Without this support much of what is offered to our students would not be possible.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in Term 2.

Warm regards
Karen Brinsden - Principal



GENERAL NOTICES

40HR FAMINE FUNDRAISER



Pita Bread For Sale
 1 bag with 5 pita breads = \$3
 4 bags with 5 pita breads each = \$10

Place your order with:
 Mrs Zwart in the Endeavour Staff Workroom before Tues 11 April 2017. Cash with your order please

All orders will be available on Wednesday 12 April after school in the Blake Staff Workroom.

40HR FAMINE BAKESALE



Wednesday 5 April
 Morning tea
 Sit down lunch
 In the street in front of the A-block

CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

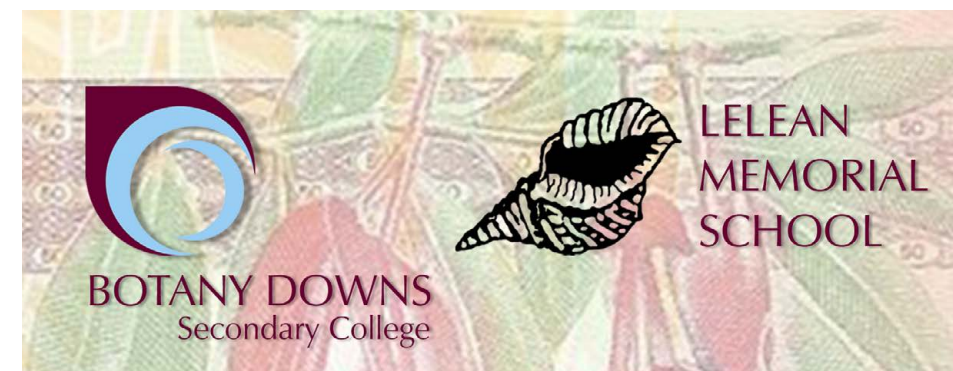
Items, including those that contravene the uniform and conduct codes (e.g. jewellery, caps, etc.) and that are not used for learning with explicit teacher permission may be confiscated (eg. phones). Devices will be held until end of week or collected by parent/guardian (if confiscated on Friday the item may be collected on the following Monday). Other confiscated items may be collected at the end of each term.

SERVICE TRIP TO LELEAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL 2017

Books bring us into the minds of others and knowledge is empowering. Clothing brings dignity...can you help to clothe a student in Fiji?

Please help us to help others. We need your gently-used books and clothes to take to LeLean Memorial School in Fiji.

Please place them in the Whanau collection boxes.



CAREERS: TRANSITION INFORMATION

Every Tuesday lunchtime in Term 2 a tertiary provider will give an overview presentation to interested students. These sessions are aimed at seniors who are considering a tertiary pathway in 2018. However, a student from any level may attend. Sessions start at 1.30pm and last about 30 minutes. Students may bring their lunch.

Date	Provider	Location
Tues 2nd May	University of Otago	Conference Centre
Tues 9th May	Canterbury University	Conference Centre
Tues 16th May	Victoria University	Conference Centre
Tues 23rd May	University of Auckland	PAC
Tues 30th May	AUT	Conference Centre
Tues 6th June	University of Waikato	Conference Centre
Tues 13th June	Massey University	Conference Centre
Tues 20th June	UNITEC	Conference Centre
Tues 27th June	TBC	Conference Centre
Tues 4th July	MIT	Conference Centre

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are in school now for purchase at the Finance Centre: \$70.

HEALTH CENTRE

HEALTH UPDATE – HPV IMMUNISATION

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) is the collective name for a common group of viruses that can lead to genital warts and HPV related cancers. It can affect as many as four out of five people in their lifetime.

Many young people and their families are already aware there is an immunisation available. The immunisation has been offered to young girls for a number of years at intermediate school age, primarily to protect them against cervical cancer later in life. However, HPV can cause HPV related cancers in both women AND men. From January 1 this year, the HPV vaccine has been available free of charge for females AND males aged 9 to 26 years.

If you are a female and missed your HPV vaccination at intermediate school, or are a male and are interested in getting the HPV vaccination, your family doctor can provide this for you, free of charge.

As with any vaccination, it is important you base your decision to vaccinate on fact based, reputable information. I recommend you check out the Ministry of Health website and Immunisation Advisory Centre if you would like to consider the immunisation. Alternatively, I am happy to talk with you (confidentially) and answer any queries you may have.

- <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/immunisation/immunisation-older-children/human-papillomavirus-hpv>
- <http://www.immune.org.nz/diseases/human-papillomavirus>
- <http://www.immune.org.nz/sites/default/files/factsheets/HE2012%20Immunise%20against%20HPV.pdf>

Good health to all
Mrs Karyn Wilson
College Nurse

Immunise against HPV


(Human Papillomavirus)

Helps prevent cancers caused by HPV infection

Information for young people and
their families and whānau



immunise
your best protection






Where can I get more information?

For more information, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or health clinic; visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv or phone **0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)**.

Information about the National Cervical Screening Programme is available on the National Screening Unit's website at www.nsu.govt.nz.

This resource is available from health.govt.nz or the Authorised Provider at your DHB. December 2016. HE2012

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OUR SCHOOL

JUNIOR DEBATING

BDSC1 Junior Open team which affirmed and won the moot "that this house would ban cats in NZ". Monisha Kannan 9D9, Eric Klijmeij 10B7 and Anna Twyman 10B7.



MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS LEARNING AREA

We would like to congratulate the following students for gaining Statistics and Calculus scholarships in 2016.

Statistics Scholarships:

Fatima Al-Hakak
Brydon Burnett
Samuel Hewitt
Louis Lin
Andrea Macrohon
Sonna Narayanan
Jenny Nguyen
Keith Pinpin
Ashley Van Staden

Calculus Scholarships:

Liu Yi Huang
Yusuf Jaafar
Aman Sethi who is 13K6 this year has gained an Outstanding Scholarship in Calculus.
Well done to the above students.

Maths Help: Maths Help is available for all Maths students every Wednesday from 3.30 pm to 4.30pm in P11.
Come and get some support with your Maths homework or just to reinforce what you have learned in class.

VEX ROBOTICS NATIONALS

On the weekend of Friday 24 February, to Sunday 26 February, BDSC's two robotics teams competed in the annual nationals competition.

Having placed 2nd in the previous year's competition, we felt the weight of our achievement on our shoulders, but carried it proudly. Throughout the lead-up in 2016 to the national event, we were thorough with our design and testing process, cycling through various designs as if they were cakes on display. However we eventually settled on our final product, which we hoped would drive us to the podium.

Friday was when it all started; the check-ins. Leaving school early so as not to be rushed, we made our way to Massey University. Upon arriving, we took a second to absorb the scene in front of us; hordes of students hurrying about, making last minute fix-ups and modifications. Fortunately for us, both of our robots were solidly built, and only minor fixes were needed for them to pass inspection. Once finished, we left the equipment and returned home, eager for the coming weekend.

After an early start on Saturday morning, we raced back to Albany, not wanting to be a second late. After a general briefing, the

matches started. For these qualification rounds, each team was paired randomly with another team, and against two other teams. Our matches went well, and we finished the day in the 24th and 36th positions, out of the 70 teams competing. Carrying on to Sunday, the last of the qualification matches were held, and we managed to secure the 16th and 23rd places. This was a result we were very pleased with however, next up were the alliance matches. In these, the top 8 ranked teams pick two other teams with which they wish to compete with. As such, 24 teams get to move forward. Unfortunately, neither of our teams were picked, so our time was over. However, we all had a lot of fun, and enjoyed the experience of being able to compete in such a large competition. We all came away from the experience having learnt something new, and having made new friends.

A special thank you to Bailey Collonette, Wayne Ybanez, Bach Vu, and Faizah Haroon for their help on the weekend, as well as to Mr Raj, and the parents for helping to transport the students to the event.

by Max Gurr 13K6



LEARNER SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

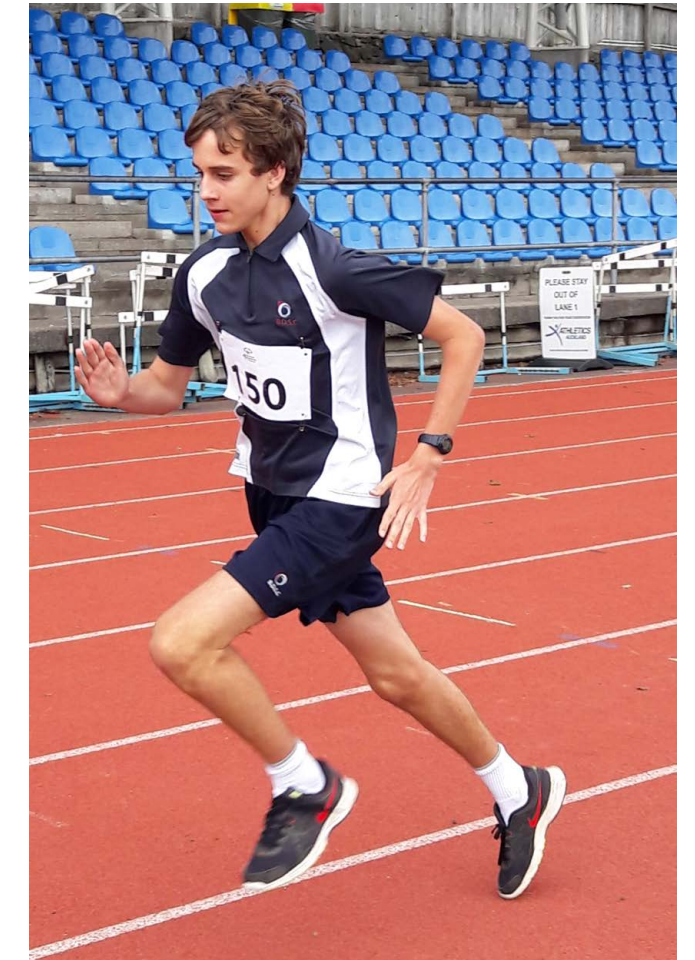
On Thursday, 30 March, 196 students from 10 schools participated in the Central Auckland Special Olympics Athletics Day at Mt Smart Stadium.

The seven BDSC students selected enjoyed many successes in the events they entered. A highlight for the BDSC team was winning the final event, the 4 x 100 metre relay. The event was supported by the Vodafone Warriors, who mixed and mingled with the excited athletes. Our students came away with signed Warriors posters and drink bottles. A fun day was had by all.

Those who attended:

Ayush Topwal 9K12
Jade Kung 11K12
Adam Gamble 10K6
Riaan Applegryn 12S4
Ryno Applegryn 9S10
Steven Matthew 11S4
Andrew Nel 11E2

Teacher Aides: Romie Saunders and Mandy Reeves

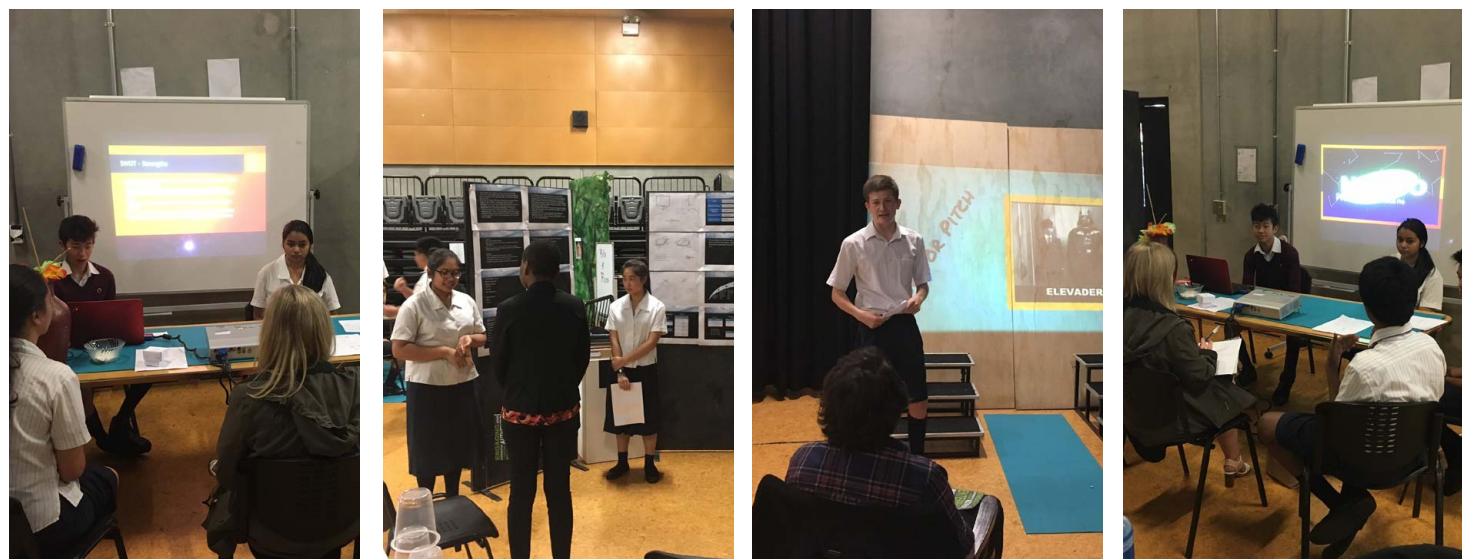
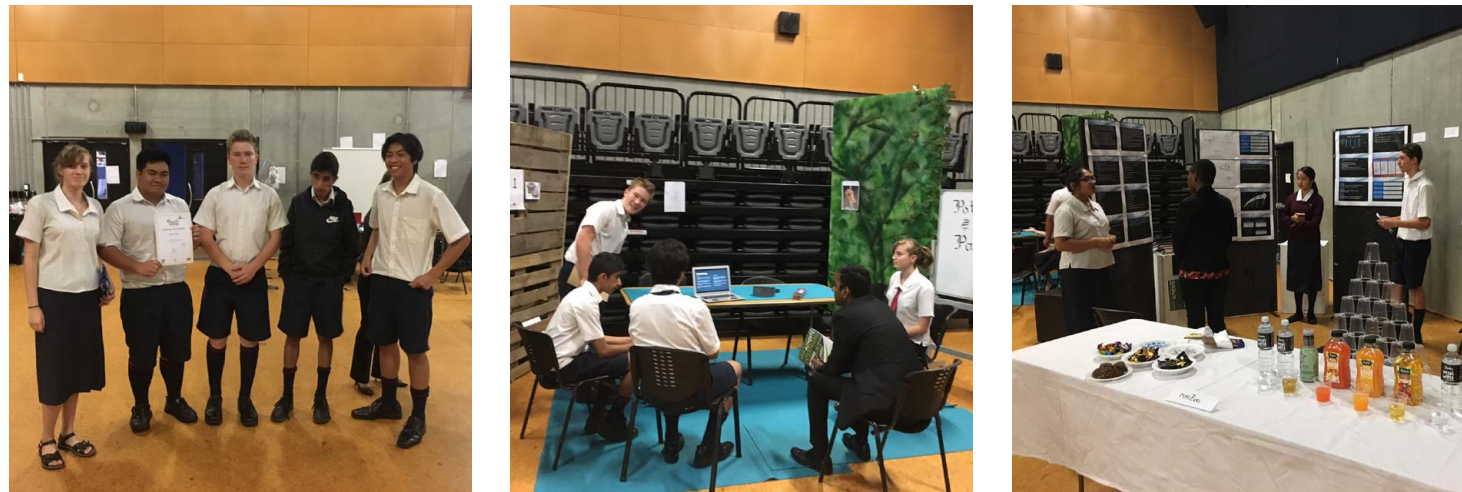


COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

2017 BP CHALLENGE

From the 15th to the 17th of February, year 11 economics, business and accounting students had the opportunity of taking part in the BP business challenge organized by the Young Enterprise Scheme program. Throughout the three days, the students had to form groups of five, develop an idea and pitch it to the judges. Some of the ideas included 2 in 1 pot and pans, expandable grocery bags and a pocket sized high resolution projector. Wayne and Debra, who ran the program, gave the students great feedback and advice to help them reach their entrepreneurial goals and developed their communication, time-management and leadership skills. The winners of the challenge were Pots and Pans with their innovative multi-use, 2 in 1 pans. Overall this was a fantastic experience for BDSC students and they are very grateful for this opportunity as they have learned some valuable lessons about running a business. Thanks to the commerce department teachers for organising this awesome event.

by Nick Pedinell 11E8



YEAR 13 ECONOMICS – GOLDEN TRIP

Year 13 Economics on Monday 13 March went to the Waihi Gold Mine. It was to help us prepare for our upcoming internal which is a report based on government interventions to prevent market failure. By seeing first hand the positive and negative externalities of production at the Gold Mine we will now have a better understanding of what is expected in our internal.

As we arrived we jumped off the bus and lined up to put our safety glasses, hard hats, and high visibility vests on. We then walked up the hill to take a quick picture with the huge dump truck. Then took a seat on the platform overlooking the mine while our guide Phil explained to us all the factors that go into production at the mine and all of the positive and negative externalities including complaints by the public concerning dust from the open mine and vibrations caused by blasting out rock in the underground mine. After this, we went to the processing site of Gold Mine that was out of town. It was here that we all got to pass around a piece of silver and gold. We ended the day with a news reading acted out by Rhys Dixon and Harry Valk followed by an underground mine simulation. We then got a group photo, put away our gear, and Alex Page thanked our guide Phil on behalf of Botany College Year 13 Economics for giving us the tour of the Gold Mine. Overall it was a fun day out of the classroom that was very informative.

We would like to thank Mr Sharma for organising and taking us on the trip to the Waihi Gold Mine which will help us all with our upcoming internal at the beginning of Term 2.

by Anna Haworth 13J5



PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

VOLUME EXHIBITION VISIT

Y10, 12 and 13 Music on Tuesday 21 March 2017

Volume is an exhibition of New Zealand contemporary music from 1950 – 2000. I liked the idea of starting from 2000 then moving backward through the decades to 1950. This gave us time to get used to the great difference between popular music now, and popular music in the 1950's. We could see how it had evolved over time. All of the images and the descriptions helped us to understand the music of each period a bit more. There were many interactive aspects which really helped us to engage and learn more about each decade of music. by Angela Huang 13B7

ITINERANT MUSIC LESSONS

There are still vacancies in this programme in the following instruments: French Horn, Cello, Double Bass, bass clarinet, saxophone, clarinet and Flute.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn an instrument. We have a French Horn and Double Bass which are available for hire.

If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, please contact l.treneman@bdsc.school.nz.

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

The co-curricular music groups are well underway with rehearsals. The following are the times these groups are rehearsing.

Botany Bellas (Female Barbershop Chorus)	Wed Lunchtime
	Mon After School
Concert Band	Tues After School
Orchestra	Thurs After School

It is not too late to join these groups. The rock bands and chamber groups are also rehearsing at various times during the week. Please see the Music Department staff if you are interested in joining a group.

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Smokefree Rockquest and Pacifica Beats:

Applications for both of these competitions close on 9 May 2017.

For further information and to apply, see the websites: www.smokefreerockquest.co.nz and www.smokefreepacificabeats.nz

UOSWF SGCNZ 9APRIL 2017 IN THE PAC

THE SHEILAH WINN FESTIVAL is being hosted this year by Botany Downs Secondary College. The festival has a long history and alumni of the festival will act as judges for our event at BDSC. We are fortunate to have three judges for the event which will take place in two sessions on the day 9.35am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4pm. The festival takes place on Sunday 9 April 2017 from 9.15am where we will welcome all the schools involved in the festival with a Powhiri.

The performances which are 15 minutes and 5 minutes long are performed throughout the day and the entrance fee to the festival is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and unwaged. The 15 minute performances can be wither student or adult led and each student taking place in the festival who is 15 years or over is eligible for the NSSP, which is a workshop for a week, where the students perform longer versions of Shakespearean texts. The students are then eligible to go to The Globe theatre in London for three weeks intensive in theatre training specifically in performance at the Globe.

We are hosting a number of schools from the Auckland South and East regions, who are presenting a range of performances from Shakespearean texts – The Merchant of Venice, As You Like It, Macbeth and King Lear to name just a few. All the 5 minute performances are student directed and the 15 minute pieces are either adult directed or joint directed by students. Every piece will be interpreted differently which adds to the enjoyment of the day as well as demonstrating how versatile Shakespearean texts are still 400 years after their writing.

Students from BDSC will also be supporting the performances in creative roles making and sewing for the performance event, Front

of House Roles, Liaison Roles, Lighting and Sound support, Runners and Backstage support. The event will be assisted by volunteer staff and it is a real joy for the performers to be well-supported by these individuals.

What can you BDSC community do to support this event? Do come to the PAC on 9 April 2017 at some point in the day. Entrance to the event can take place in between performances so you can come at any time to be part of the audience. If you cannot stay for the whole day that is fine, you pay one entrance fee and come and go as you can during the event. Our FOH ushers will look after you. Our NSSP student who will go to the Globe UK in July, who won direct entry to NSSP in 2016, Kaitlin Mahar, will also be helping on the day to support BDSC's efforts. Students who are performing as part of the festival for BDSC:

- Tabarek Al-Jebouri
- Jake Fanstone
- Emily Payne
- Daniel Payne
- Robert Raynes
- Charlotte Leigh
- Bailea Gartside
- Talia Hazelwood
- Arya Kantroo
- Ashlyn Prasad
- Isha Singh
- Solomon Li
- Josh Dheda
- Hao Chen Li
- Eric Klimeij
- Zoe Musham
- Alex Phillips
- Albatoul Flaih
- Samuel Chen
- Shannon Clerk
- Wendy Seymour
- Celine Dam
- Megan Godkin-Hall
- Samuel Watt



VPA LEARNING AREA

POWER PLANT TRIP

On Tuesday 14th of March, 70 Year 11, 12 and 13 Art, Music and Tech Crew students were invited to a magical event at night, the Power Plant showcase, part of the Auckland Art Festival.

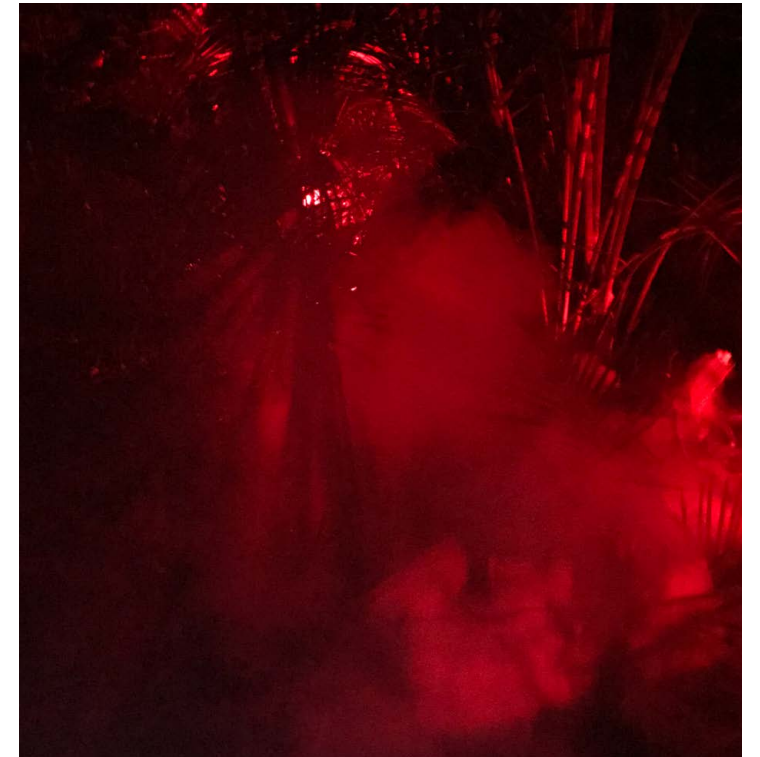
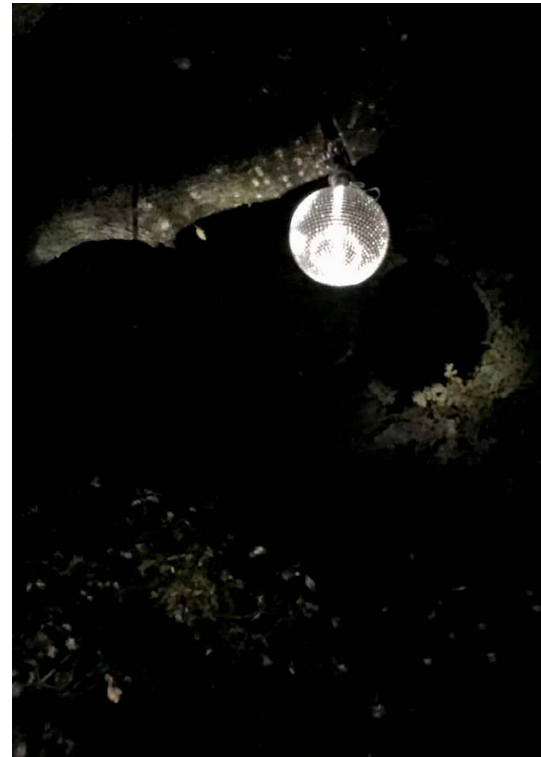
At dusk, the group travelled into the Auckland Domain to experience the amazing sound and light show. When the night fell into darkness, we walked in small groups along the dirt trail, through the night-time garden. Experiencing a series of noises, sounds and art works by five international artists; Mark Anderson, Anne Bean, Jony Easterby, Ulf Pedersen, Kirsten Reynolds, and New Zealand artist "Sonics From Scratch".

The installations transformed the trees, bush track and wildlife of the Domain into a mystical nocturnal environment. Some found this trail airy and slightly scary, others excited and inspired. Some installations were delicate and calm with glimpses of light, others were flashing and flickering splash of colours.

Power Plant was a wonderful, rare opportunity for our students in the Arts to experience and explore a fascinating world where art and nature are intriguingly integrated.

Thanks to Mrs Barratt and Miss Cunningham for organising this wonderful event. Special thanks to Miss De Roos, Miss Carney, Mr Clark, Miss Henshaw, Miss Clapperton, Miss Treneman, Miss Rakanui, Miss Bysterveldt and Miss Yu for supervising and making the trip a great and memorable night for all of us.

Photos by Alex Su 12K6



BLAKE YEAR 9 CAMP

On Friday the 24th the Year 9 students from Blake Whanau, set off for the MERC Camp at Long Bay. At North Head en route, we completed an orienteering activity in our camp groups around the gun emplacements and tunnels that were built to protect Auckland in the Second World War.

We left North Head and arrived at Long Bay in half an hour, eager to get started on the amazing activities that our lead students put together for us. We rotated through eight activities which consisted of beach games and team building exercises. After that we ate a delicious dinner of lasagna and for dessert we had ice-cream. That night we headed to the beach in the dark and had a great time learning about the Botany and STEPS acronyms. We really enjoyed this activity as there was a level of competition between the groups which meant we would work harder to learn them. Then finally after an extremely long first day of camp we all went to bed and had a good night's sleep.

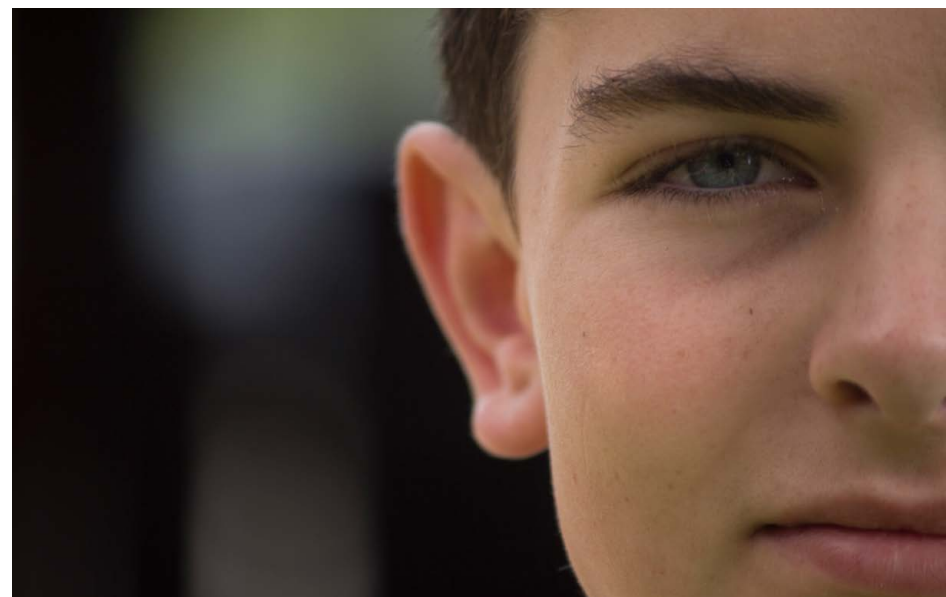
After a stroll along the beach and a delicious breakfast we headed off to our first activity for the day. These included raft building, beach activities, moko face tattoos, skits, the Blake haka and the whanau performance.

Sunday was the first day that we had the MERC instructors for surfing, snorkelling, abseiling, rock climbing and sailing. The groups rotated through three of the five activities on one of the days and the other two the next day. Then it was time for to do our skits. All the camp groups had been preparing with Miss Van Bysterveldt, we all got excited to see what the groups had come up with, we were all really amazed by the amount of effort put into the skits and how they all had to do with the BDSC "Our Way" in some way. The lead students announced that group 3 had won!. But luckily we still had two more exciting activities planned out for us for our last day, we then all fell fast asleep after an extremely tiring day full of fun filled activities.

Monday and the last day of Camp had arrived. We impressed our instructors with our haka, and a rendition of "Honey Honey" before starting the activities. We only had two more activities to complete before we were on our way back to BDSC. It was sad that these were our last activities but we gave it heaps and enjoyed the challenge provided.

The trip was long and loud, everyone talking still pumped from the great weekend. We finally arrived back at school and everyone slowly left with their parents to have a good, long and needed sleep. Camp at Long Bay had been an enjoyable, memorable and an amazing trip that would no doubt be the highlight of the year. On behalf of all the Year 9 Blake students we would like to thank all the teachers, the students leaders and MERC instructors, for the time and effort put in to make the camp as enjoyable as it was.

by Raksha Chandra and Mikyla Khalil-Flexman 9B1



KORU CAMP POEMS BY 9K12

Archery is my favourite thing.
Arrows flying - Zing! Zing! Zing!
All of us behind the line
Waiting to fire, all quite fine,
Trying not to shot it wide
Bulls eye gave me a good vibe,
Archer's rule: Keep the bow low
Or the blood will start to flow.
by Liam Pauling

Archery is my favourite thing.
I love being the archery king.
Hoping to aim at red
Or I will be filled with dread
Pull it back like a spring
Let it go - PING! PING! PING!
Archer's rule: Make sure you aim high
So you get a bulls eye!
by Pahul Rehal

Kayaking was my favourite thing:
Except for people capsizing
Rowing down river was really fun
What made it, I enjoyed the sun
Sitting on the kayak paddling away
Wasn't my idea to having a great day
Joe's rule: You must give kayaking a go
Otherwise you won't feel the water flow.
by Rida Siddiqui

Kayaking is my favourite thing:
Floating, slipping, capsizing.
Slowing down was very tough,
As the water was very rough.
It was fun to go quick,
But not when I got poked by a stick.
When I was got out the river I was glad,
That I didn't fall in and get sad.
by Matthew Lee

Archery is my favourite thing:
Pull the string back and start shooting,
Bulls-eyes, misfires are part of the game,
which ensures archery isn't lame,
Hit the bull's eye and you'll look cool
and if you miss you look a fool.
The instructor says: Wait to fire
or the outcome could be dire.
by Regan Walter

Climbing wall was camps favourite thing,
Climb up high without trying to swing.
Archery, t-shirt printing, lodge work were a blast,
We all did the morning run and had to run fast.
Camp diaries, chanting, cleaning up and 'Foru',
were all part of our great camp Koru.
by Rebecca Williamson

Sleeping was my favourite thing.
Missing waking up to my phone's ding.
Kokako Lodge was such a catch,
climbing, flying, glad the harness didn't detach.
My days without my phone were wild
I can't remember the last number I dialled!
My camp experience was so much fun,
But when vegies appeared I said, "I'm done!"
by Travis Lightband

Archery is my favourite thing:
Aiming, firing, shooting just like lightning
Targets filled with arrows everywhere
We picked them up with extreme care
Arrows ready to aim straight ahead
All tired and exhausted we were ready for bed.
by Tina Luong

Archery was my favourite thing,
Pull it back, like a spring
Aim it right, then let it go
Zooming out from your bow
Going through the air,
Landing somewhere over there.
Archer's rule: Face the arrow down,
or you will leave with a frown.
by Meherzad Manecksha

Archery was my favourite thing,
shooting, aiming just like a king
from bow to arrow in the bull's eye
if you missed they all ask why.
Make sure arrows don't fly high
If they do they'll hit the sky.
by Gurpreet Kaur

Climbing is my favourite thing:
Jumping, swinging and pulling,
Climbing high and giving it a go,
If we didn't make it no one has to know,
Step-by-step I make it to the top,
I will keep on trying and never stop,
Kane's rule: "Keep the rope tight",
If you're struggling, just ask - he won't bite.
by Sam Dolden

Camping is my favourite thing:
Kayaking, swimming and running,
Laughing, screaming and having fun,
Orienteering in the sun,
Running nowhere that we know
Mr Clark's rule: Push-ups are fine
before we can come in to dine.
by Elizabeth Choi

Kayaking is my favourite thing:
Paddling, splashing, capsizing,
Gliding across the surface I go
Using all the skills that I know
Kayaking under the warm summer sun
It was all so much fun
Joe's rule: Stay away from the falls!
And listen out for my whistle and call.
by Amie Landers

Archery is my favourite thing:
Drawing back the bow's drawstring
Angling, missing, shooting all in one go
We took our time, so it was sort of slow
Longingly waiting for our turn
I definitely had a lot to learn.
Michelle's rule: "Wait till it's clear.
Don't worry! Have no fear".
by Ruby Short

Archery is my favourite thing,
I call it the old version of shooting,
I wish I was as good as William Tell
Who could shoot an apple off a head really well,
Steady, aim and fire,
I hit the red, need to aim higher,
Arrows flying in the air,
Holes in the target everywhere.
by Finn Fagelund-Gjersoe

Archery was my favourite thing,
Firings arrow make it sing,
Nachos, burgers and delicious filled rolls,
Morning runs, tramping and push-ups took their toll.
by Ayush Topwal

KORU YEAR 9 CAMP



ENDEAVOUR YEAR 9 CAMP

Motu Moana Endeavour Camp 2017

On the bright and early morning of Tuesday 28 May, the Year 9 students and staff of Endeavour Whanau hauled their enormous cases of luggage into the commons, excited for a week filled with hands-on activity at Motu Moana Scout Camp. Students were then lead to the school tennis courts where they anxiously waited to be called into their camp groups, the group they would spend most of their camp time with. There were six groups in total, each consisting of seven or eight students and lead by a Year 12 or 13 whanau lead student. We then played a variety of team based mini-games to create a more tight knit relationship within the groups, and to encourage trust and friendship for the camp related challenges to come.

With some students already exhausted from running and shouting during the interactive mini-games, we loaded ourselves and all of our belongings onto the bus and set a course for Extreme Edge Rock Climbing in Panmure. After a thorough safety demonstration, we were let loose among the colourfully themed walls, each varying in difficulty. It soon became a challenge between friends; who could scale the toughest wall first? With the friendly competition and encouragement, many students who feared heights were able to take part as well. Then came the first team challenge. We had to get as many people from our group to reach the top of the higher walls- which required belaying and was far more difficult than the independent walls. Each team lined up for their turn, some more excited than others. The level of encouragement the students provided each other was truly uplifting, as many of them had hardly an introduction to each other prior to camp. Because of this, almost all students gave the wall their best shot, with many successfully reaching the top.

Finally, after a morning packed with activities, we left for the Motu Moana Scout Camp in Green Bay, arriving just in time for lunch. We were then allocated our cabins and walked around the camp grounds, buzzing with excitement as we got a glimpse of all the activities we would take part in the following days. After butter chicken for dinner and ice cream for desert (which was scoffed in a second due to the beautiful but sweltering weather) we gathered in the hall to recap the school's values, and how they would apply to camp life. We then launched into a trivia night where teams went head to head in guessing the names of popular songs from Mr Adams' personal favourites- some more difficult to guess than others. Winners were awarded points for their

team. Just before students were dismissed for bed, the lead students told a classic scary story with torches shined under faces, which riled up the students even more before bedtime. However, we soon felt the effects of the day's physically demanding activities and retired to an early night's sleep, with two groups sleeping outdoors each night in tents for a genuine camping experience.

The next morning, we woke early in preparation for the packed first full day at Motu Moana. Groups were on a rotation and would spend equal amounts of time on each activity. The abseiling wall was perhaps the most noticeable feature on the camp, were we stood and craned our necks as it loomed over us. It took a very large amount of courage and encouragement from the rest of the group to abseil down, and put our group's ability to work together to the test. Paddle boarding proved as a real challenge, as we laughed at teammates flapping uncontrollably on the boards before crashing into the ocean ourselves. Pioneering required the most teamwork and communication, as we had to build a functioning ladder with nothing but rope and pieces of wood. Then the extra fun bit came as we carried a member of the group on the ladder and made our way across the camp grounds. Other activities groups took part in include archery, flying fox, orienteering and volleyball.

After rotating through three of the six activities, we got into our groups and planned a 70s/80s themed dance for the performances later in the evening. We then took time to put on our disco era themed costumes. The leg warmers were brought out, hair was teased and the campers exploded in colour and enthusiasm. Following a dinner of sausages and chips, groups rehearsed their dances, making sure it truly channelled the 70s/80s vibe. In the evening, once again, students filed into the hall and performed their dance routines with backtracks ranging from Michael Jackson, Rick Astley and Queen. This was followed by 70s/80s trivia on films and TV, celebrities and of course, music. The hum of the disco era remained in the camp atmosphere, even after the costumes were exchanged for pyjamas and students lulled off to sleep.

Again, we woke for an early start to the day. After fuelling up on breakfast we launched into the rotations once more, where groups took part in the activities they had not gone through the day before. The weather remained a perfect summer day, making the activities even more enjoyable. Once all rotations had finished, we walked to a nearby field where a slip'n'slide was set up. We took turns cooling off by

sliding down as we were sprayed with water and shared soapy hi-fives.

After washing off all the suds, groups then got together once more to plan a skit for the talent show that night. Creating these performances really tested our ability to communicate as a team and helped work on performing in front of a crowd-a valuable skill. Once again, after dinner of lasagne, we filed into the hall and watched what the groups had prepared. The comedy skits made us laugh, the show of talent through dance or song put the audience in awe. Overall it was a very successful night where we were able to showcase the wide range of talents we possessed.

On the final day of camp, all groups took part in "The Amazing Race" where students had to complete a wide range of challenges that tested teamwork and communication. The race was time based, so teams also had to be extremely efficient in completing challenges such as orienteering, an obstacle course and tasks like setting up a tent. It was the ultimate challenge as the pressure of time put strain on our ability to work as a team. But as we completed each task, all groups came out twice as strong as they were before.

We then had lunch and a small prize giving for the teams that accumulated the most amount of points over the entire camp, as well as spot prizes for those who went above and beyond in terms of participation and showing the school values. We then packed up our things and made sure we left the campsite spotless, and said goodbye to the scout camp. However, the camp was not over yet as we spent time at the Mt Albert Pools on the way back. We had ample time to have fun in the wave pools, go on the waterslide or relax in the spa.

On the way back to school, many of us only then began to feel the exhaustion catch up to us from the jam-packed week. Overall, the camp was extremely successful and students took away better teamwork skills, new friendships and many happy memories.

On behalf of all students, who had an absolute blast at Endeavour's 2017 Camp, I would like to thank all the adult helpers and teachers who came, for the camp would not have been the same without you. Special thanks to Mr K Adams and Mrs V Darby, our 'parents' of the whanau for co-ordinating another camp that we will never forget.

by Jaimie Lee (12E8)

COLLEGE SPORTS

MIXED TOUCH TEAM

On Saturday 25 March, the BDSC Mixed Touch Team participated in the Zone 2 Regional Qualifying Touch Tournament. The team is made up of 2 year 10's, 2 year 11's, 5 year 12's and 7 year 13's. The team had a tough game first up, facing Macleans College who have a good history at this tournament and in New Zealand. After a slow start, the team managed to bring the game back and win 3-2. Next up was Tangaroa College, where the team again had a slow start being down 2-0 early on in the game. They fought in the second half to bring the game back to 3-3 for the final whistle.

This placed the BDSC team 1st in their pool and in a good position for the semi-final match. The team faced James Cook High School in a thrilling semi-final, Starting slow seemed to become a bit of a trend for our team, with a score of 3-0 to James Cook at half time. The second half was a different story, with BDSC attacking and defending hard to bring the final score to 3-3. The game went to a drop off situation, where one player drops off every two minutes until each team is down to 3 players. Luckily, Corne Ludick (13S4) went over the line to score the game-winning try.

This brought the team to the final, where they faced Howick College. They were unable to come away with the win, with the final score being 7-3 to Howick.

Although, the team did not win, they achieved a massive goal, to place in the top 3 in the competition, which means they have qualified for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Touch Nationals in December of 2017. The team will be training throughout the winter to prepare for their overseas trip to Brisbane in September and the Nationals in December.



The team from left to right:
Back Row: Briannah Fleming (10J5), Jeannie Hill (12K6), Cameron Finefeuiaki (13J5), Tremain Falanitama (13B1), Lantze Davids (12D3), Tommie Wiid (13K12), Alijah George (12J11), Corne Ludick (13S4), Nathan Clark (13D9), Malachi Tehaki (10B7), Quentin Hill (13K12).
Front Row: Taylor Kennard (12D3), Eliza Hay (12S4), Caitlin Nauer (11J5), Kaitlyn Apaipora (11B7), Tara Murphy (10S10), Morgan Petersen (13E2), Philip Murray-Stowers (13K12).

COLLEGE SPORTS

SOUTHERN ZONE TAG TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 23 March, the sports department took 2 girls teams and 2 boys teams to the Southern Zone Tag Qualifying Tournament. It was great to see so many students participating from BDSC in this up and coming sport. There were a large number of teams at the tournament and our Girls A team did extremely well to finish in 5th position overall after narrowly missing out on the finals. Everyone had a lot of fun on the day especially those learning the sport for the first time. A special thanks to students; Philip Murray-Stowers (13K12) and Alijah George (12J11) for helping to run training sessions for all teams leading up to the tournament.

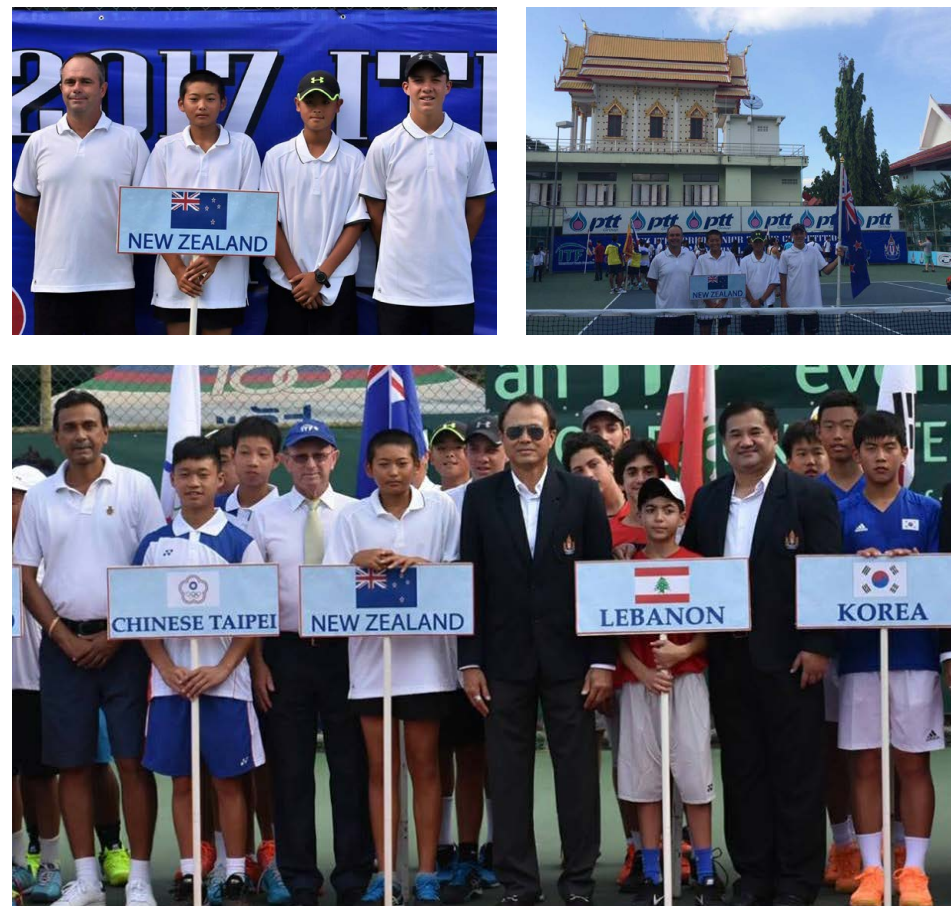


KEVIN FU - TENNIS

Kevin Fu (9J11) is a valuable member of the Premier Boys Tennis team at BDSC. At only Year 9 he has a bright future ahead of him, as he is already recognised nationally in the sport.

Kevin spent a week and a half of in Bangkok, Thailand, representing New Zealand in the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition Asia/Oceania Final Qualifying Event. This is the qualifying event for ITF World Junior Tennis Finals to be held in Prostějov, Czech Republic later on in the year. 16 teams were competing for four qualifying spots in the ITF World Junior Tennis Finals.

New Zealand finished 9th place overall in the event. Kevin enjoyed the tough matches he had during the week. He won 4 out of 6 singles matches and 1 of the 2 doubles matches in which he played.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

A team of 5 boys represented BDSC at the National Secondary Schools mountain bike championships held in conjunction with the international Crank Worx event in Rotorua.



Noam Hadar (9B1) raced in the U15 Cross Country race, Troy Mason (11S4) and Finley Dixon (11B1) in U16 Cross Country race and Braeden Brown (11B1) in the U17 race. Ethan Keen (9E2) raced in the U14 downhill race.

All five boys represented the school extremely well in this tough event. Finley (6th) and Braeden (8th) achieved top 10 placings in their races, which is outstanding. Troy rode well but unfortunately struggled to finish the race due to mechanical failure.

NEW ZEALAND TRIATHLON

Sophie Skelton (13K6) competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools triathlon in Whanganui on Thursday 30 March. Sophie competed in the U19 girls section, which included a 750m swim, 19.3km bike and a 5km run. Sophie did a fantastic job and ended up finishing in 5th place. She fought hard in the bike leg, coming off the big in 2nd position but didn't quite have the legs for the run. Sophie is competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Aquathon on Friday 31 March.



KEY DATES 2017

Thursday 13 April	Term 1 Ends
Friday 14 April	Good Friday
Monday 17 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 18 April	Easter Tuesday (Education Sector Public Holiday)
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day
Monday 1 May	Term 2 Starts
Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday
Friday 7 July	Term 2 Ends
Monday 24 July	Term 3 Starts
Friday 29 September	Term 3 Ends
Monday 16 October	Term 4 Starts
Monday 23 October	Labour Day
Thursday 14 December	Term 4 Ends (approx date tbc)