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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is always good to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of our students whether they are minor milestones or major ones. Positive acknowledgement is a very motivating factor for our young people so where appropriate it is important that we remember to do this.

We have so much to celebrate and acknowledge from our achievements over the last few weeks:

- Our U15s Rugby Team are playing Mt Roskill in the U15B ARU Final this Saturday at Dunkirk Road at 9:15pm
- The Senior Girls Basketball won their semi-finals against McAuley High School at the North Shore E.C and faced Westlake Girls High School in the finals on Friday 25 August 2017. Westlake Girls took the win with a three-point margin in what was a very exciting game.
- Hirzi Putra-Laksana, Head Boy won a regional Japanese Speech competition hosted annually by the different universities around NZ. The judges for the Auckland competition came from Albany Massey, AUT, Auckland Uni, the Japanese Consulate and the Japanese Advisor. Hirzi won a return ticket to Japan sponsored by Air New Zealand.
- Anmol Pandey 9D3, participated in the Auckland Open Taekwondo Championship over 12/13 August and achieved a Gold and a Bronze medal. Anmol had two weeks' notice to prepare for this event and his result is a testament to his dedication and perseverance.
- U15 Girls Football team won their grade final this week against Pakuranga winning 4-1. They were unbeaten the whole season.
- 1st XI Boys Hockey won the Premier A Reserve Grade against St Peters College holding on to their 3-0 at half time to win 3-2 on the whistle. This is the highest grade we have achievement in the history of the College.

- Our First XV Rugby team have made history for the school in claiming the 1B Championship title against One Tree Hill College. They went undefeated throughout the season, to have the opportunity to play at Eden Park and to win their championship final is massive. This is also the highest achievement in the school's history.

We wish the sports teams competing in the New Zealand Secondary School Tournaments next week all the best as they represent the College in the following codes:

- Girls 1st XI Hockey (Whangarei)
- Boys 1st XI Hockey (Stratford)
- Boys U15 Rugby (Wellington)
- Girls 1st XI Football (Rotorua)
- Open Boys Basketball (Papakura)
- Girls Netball at (Auckland Netball Centre)

Congratulations on what you have all achieved and I sincerely hope that through your successes you continue in your pursuit of being the best you can be.

Karen Brinsden  
Principal



# OUR SCHOOL

## AUT JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION

While Saturday mornings are usually reserved for sleep-ins and sports games, three Year 13 Japanese students spent the morning of 19 August participating in the annual AUT Japanese Speech Competition.

Having had less than two weeks to prepare our speech and only two practice sessions before the day, we were all extremely nervous, not knowing the level of Japanese ability that we would be competing against. Before the competition started, we were all anxiously pacing up and down the waiting room, reciting our speeches over and over again.

Going up against around ten other participants from multiple schools around Auckland, we were amazed at some of the speeches - not only their Japanese language ability but also in their meaningful content and the messages put across. From speeches about mental illness to the fear of getting naked at Japanese spas there were a large variety of topics covered and students from BDSC added to this diverse list of speeches with Rina Cao talking about Japanese hospitality culture, Jason Cho talking about traditional Japanese accommodation and Hirzi Putra-Laksana talking about perfectionism in Japanese culture.

All our students did an amazing job and we managed to leave with a First Place Award for Hirzi Putra-Laksana, winning an Air New Zealand return ticket to Japan. Special thanks to Ms. Lodge for helping us with our speeches and for giving us the opportunity to participate in this event.

By Hirzi Putra-Laksana 13S4

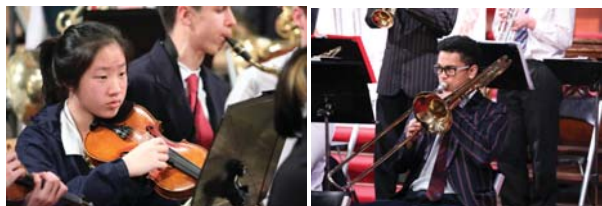


## KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

KBB Music Festival was held Monday 14 August to Saturday 19 August at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell. Both the college's Orchestra and Concert Band performed their programmes extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform and listen to other ensembles. Congratulations to the Orchestra who received a Commended Award.

Congratulations also to Suet Ching Tiffany Tse 11D9 and Athena Shiu 11D9 who were selected for the KBB Honours Orchestra, and to Tavite Tonga 12S4 who was chosen for the Jazz Band. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to rehearse with other students from all of the participating schools and perform a concert at the end of the workshop on Friday evening.

The orchestra rehearsed Danzon No.2 by Marquez and Slavonic Dance No. 8 by Dvorak conducted by Jeffrey Boeckman. The Jazz Band performed charts by Benny Goodman, Sammy Nestico and Bob Mintzer, directed by Craig Walters.



## AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

We are part of the APOPS programme and as part of this we have been very fortunate to have two excellent mentors working with the co-curricular music groups. Jenny Raven has supported the percussionists of the Concert Band and Orchestra, teaching two sessions on playing the timpani and tuned percussion. William Hanfling mentored the Handel Trio and the string section of the orchestra. These students have really appreciated the mentors sharing their expertise and supporting them in their preparation for the Chamber Music Contest and the KBB Music Festival.





# OUR SCHOOL

## THEATRE SPORTS CLUB

On Friday night 25 August, a team from our Theatre Sports Club competed in the final Festival competition of the year at St Kentigerns.

Our team were mostly inexperienced Year 10s with only one or two competitions between them. They were up against three private schools with comprehensive Theatre Sports programs, St Kent's has 150 players and hold auditions for team places! The opposing teams were all highly experienced Year 13 students coached by professional actors. Our actors were almost in tears when they saw the opposition and I did wonder if I had thrown them to the lions.

Nevertheless, they rose to the challenge, produced one of the best series of performances I have seen and drew some loud claps cheers from the mostly St Kentigern's crowd.

The final judging placed our team second ahead of Auckland Grammar and St Cuthbert's! And, we were the highest scoring school by 'entertainment' points score!

Big Congrats to:

Captain Talia Hazelwood, Players Aida Safaei, Eric Klijmeij and MVP Jake Fanstone.



Article written by Jason Thurlow

## JAPAN TRIP 2017

On 6 July, sixteen students ranging from year eleven to thirteen embarked on a lifechanging trip to Japan along with the Head of Languages Ms Lodge, and Deputy Principal Mr Andrew.

After a ten-hour flight, we touched down at Narita Airport, Tokyo, and were welcomed to Japan by a heatwave so intense we were drenched with sweat in seconds. However, despite the suffocating humidity, we were thrilled to have finally made it, and were eager to start exploring a new country.

For the first week we travelled around Tokyo, visiting the major tourist attractions and learning about Japanese culture. We visited Akihabara; a gamer's and anime lover's paradise, and Harajuku, a major shopping district in Shibuya. For more of an insight into Japanese culture, we explored the Meiji Shrine in Harajuku, visited the Edo Museum to learn more about Japan's Edo period, and spent time in Asakusa exploring the famous Buddhist temple. We travelled up Tokyo Skytree, and for a bit of extra fun; we spent a day at Disney Sea. During this time, we were able to have a lot of interactions with Japanese people, and became a little bit more comfortable using the language. Before the week was up, we travelled down to Kamakura, where we were able to get a real look at the more rural and culturally rich side of Japan. We went to a few different temples in the area, before staying at a traditional Japanese Inn for the night.

During the second week, we experienced being fully immersed in the Japanese lifestyle. After taking a bullet train down to Osaka, we visited our sister school; Nishinomiya Imazu High School. Here we met our host brothers or sisters and their parents, then were sent home with them to meet the rest of the family. On day two in Osaka we re-joined as a group and spent the day at Universal Studios Japan. We then returned to our host families' houses for a three-day weekend, giving us the opportunity to really bond with our family. It was over this weekend that we were able to do activities with our family, like experiencing festivals, visiting the famous park in Nara where deer roam freely, fireworks, shopping, swimming, visiting temples, etc. We made some amazing memories with them and now have some very close, lifelong friends.

We all learnt so much from the trip, and experienced so many new and amazing things that we will never forget. From talking to random Japanese people on the street, to taking a class on how to carry out a traditional tea ceremony, to eating foods we didn't even know existed, everyone on the trip was able to greatly expand their knowledge of the Japanese culture, lifestyle, and language. From these experiences, everyone on the trip grew so much; not only in knowledge, but as individuals.

The trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and it definitely outshone all of our expectations. We're so thankful for the amazing experiences, memories, and the new lifelong friendships we formed with the Japanese students, as well as each other.

From all sixteen of us, we want to thank the organisers of the trip, both in New Zealand and Japan. This includes Ms Lodge, Mr Andrew, and Yuka, as well as the teachers in Japan; such as Mr Shibata, who worked so hard to ensure we would have an amazing time. Without all of your hard work and organisation, this trip would not have been possible, or nearly as enjoyable as it was. Thank you for making this trip one that we will never forget, and giving us the opportunity to experience so many different aspects of Japan. It has really helped us to grow, and has given us a better insight into a culture that we love.

Written by Paige Fenning (12D9)



## JAPAN TRIP 2017 (Continued)



## COMMERCE TRIP TO USA

On 8 July 2017, 32 commerce students, a mixture of year 11 – 13 students alongside four amazing teachers, Mr Sharma, Mrs McGregor, Mrs McArthur and Mrs Tautogi were privileged enough to go on the first ever BDSC Commerce Trip to the United States of America.

Our flight from Auckland went straight to Houston Texas from where we boarded another flight to Newark, the largest city in New Jersey. From there on the same day we landed, we went on a coach to the Big Apple, New York.



We stayed in New York for 5 days, where we experienced guided tours. Visiting the world famous landmarks such as; The Empire State Building, The Statue of Liberty, Times Square and more importantly Wall Street; where we gained knowledge of America's economy going back in time to where their economy began. These were only some of the places to mention that we covered in the 5 days in New York. Taking all the knowledge we gained in New York, not to mention the few hours of shopping that we managed to fit into our schedule, 5 days later we packed our bags and once again boarded a coach, making our way to the Capital of the States; Washington D.C.



We spent two days in the capital, having another four hour guided tour around the various museums in Washington, seeing the White House and the Washington Monument. The two days in Washington was filled with information and facts regarding the capital and how it came about.



Our final stop in America was Los Angeles, where we spent two days. The first day we had a tour around Hollywood, getting some serious insight into the Industry, going around the well-known places of the industry including Sunset Boulevard. The final day in LA was spent in the magical world known as Disneyland.

As soon as we entered Disneyland, it felt like we were in a different place altogether. A magical place, created by Walt Disney giving us the chance to experience the extravagant fantasy life in reality. This was a lifetime experience that will never be forgotten. We gained interesting information and knowledge but most importantly, became a close whanau. These 10 days allowed a strong bond to form between the students and teachers, especially during our breakfast and dinners together on this trip where we shared our highlights of the day and we will forever be grateful to have been able to become a small commerce whanau. Also a special appreciation and thanks to the teachers who made this trip possible, giving us a chance to experience something outside of school boundaries that will later support us in our schooling and academic lives. Special thanks to the Car Clearance Centre, 41 Saleyard Road, Otahuhu - phone number 09 2768148 for sponsoring the T- Shirts for this awesome trip. Many thanks. We sincerely appreciate your help.

Article Written by: Jess Swamy 13E2



# OUR SCHOOL

## NEW ZEALAND'S NEXT TOP ENGINEERING SCIENTIST COMPETITION

**Q:** Why don't people like the restaurant on the moon? **A:** Because there was no atmosphere!



I know what you are thinking...how is this (corny) joke relevant to engineering and math? Well, on 5 August 2017, 5 teams of 3-4 students came to school at 9:00 am on a Saturday to take part in the New Zealand's Next Top Engineering Scientist competition. The question posed to us by the University of Auckland's Engineering Science department was "How many rocket launches from Mahia Peninsula would it take to establish a lunar colony?".

Nothing else was provided and we were forced to make our own interpretation and assumptions, produce a mathematical model that reflected the question and produce a 10-page report justifying our answer. Sounds like an absolute blast, right? Sarcasm aside, it was a blast, we were pumped and ready to go, doing research about the living requirements of astronauts, taking inspiration from Matt Damon's *The Martian*, looking up the world's biggest launch pads etc. Right up until the 3-hour mark at least.

That was when hunger, fatigue and confusion set in when we had all these ideas and no mathematical model. One of our teammates even took a nap (you know who you are!).

Cue Mrs Bennet coming to save the day with her snacks, fruit and pizza to re-energize us! Hunger pangs, fatigue overridden by our (fruit) sugar high and fueled by fast carbs, we were ready to have another go. Typing away for the next 5 hours, we finally managed to complete the report.

Despite it not being the most realistic approach (deciding to fly a total of 4 women, 4 men, freezers full of embryos and a 3D printer, just to name a few bizarre things we decided to bring) we were happy to finish with the magic number of 8 rocket launches. It is safe to say that the other teams enjoyed at least as much if not more success with the question and we had answers ranging from 8 to around 200 rocket launches. As engineering science is all about finding the best possible answers to complex problems, there is always a variety of solutions possible – the hard part is justifying your answer and being able to prove that it is the most efficient/practical solution. Needless to say, all of us had a great time exercising our brains! Thank you to Mrs Bennet for helping organize the event, ordering pizza and bringing snacks, and spending the whole 9 hours with us, a sorry bunch!

Article Written by: Cecilia Wang 13K6

## 13 DVC VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

It's hard to believe that you could walk into a world which is created by you. It's even harder to believe that we could walk into a building, in our school, which has only been designed on a computer. After more than half a year of hard work, some DVC students were given the opportunity to walk into a virtual world at BDSC. Mindlabs came into our school to show how we can go beyond the limits to present our designs.

Each person was given the chance to wear the Virtual Reality glasses. Using these glasses, we could walk into a world created by a past year student. Basically, we have been designing models for DVC as senior students. These models are constructed to be presented realistically on a program called Google SketchUp. Through Google SketchUp, we have been able to create 3D models which have been developed through our creativity and our goals. We are then required to present these. As much as we try to present the interiors and exteriors of a building, we can never make our audience or ourselves experience the interiors of our building(s). However, through this program, we literally walked through a house designed over the past years. We were able to see how high the ceiling was, how to enter the house, how to step into the pool. Some even attempted to jump off the roof, which did not really work in reality but there was definitely adrenaline going for those who are afraid of heights. Feel free to talk to Mr Jowers-Wilding or to Mrs Brinsden about their experience. It felt too real to be true, to stand in a house which had never been made but only imagined by someone as old as us.

It was an encouraging experience as it shows us the future, the future of design, of architecture and of technology. It made us question about what the limits are, or if there any limits? We can go beyond our creativity to show what we want to convey. It gave us an opportunity to witness what we could do in the future as architects, to stand in a building we had imagined, to create and invent. Thanks to Mr Jowers –Wilding for organising the visit from Mindlabs and to Mr Achary for allowing us out of class.

Article Written by: Mannat Khurana 13B1



## YEAR 13 JAPANESE CLASS:

### Food and Culture Unit

This year, one topic we have been learning about in class is how different kinds of foods reflect the different kinds of culture around the world.

Our class has had cooking sessions every Thursday with Ms Lodge and Yuka sensei, and we have been making different Japanese dishes such as Okonomiyaki; Japanese savoury pancake, Yakisoba; fried noodles and Maki Sushi; Roll sushi.

For our last session, we were originally planning to create our own Kyara-ben (character lunch box) that relates to our own culture, and sharing it with the class. However, we ended up having a shared lunch and brought in a dish that represented our own country and culture instead.

My class brought in many different dishes from New Zealand to India, via Indonesia and China. There was Maori bread, Marmite and chip sandwiches, fried and steamed dumplings, Korean fried rice, Malaysian spring onion pancakes with curry, Indonesian satay chicken, Hong Kong boot chai gou, Beef chow fun noodles, and Chinese sausages and sliced beef.

It was so exciting to see and try the different foods from the different cultures of students in the class, and the different types of food each of us eat at home.



It was interesting to learn how people around the world create food using the supplies and resources they have in the environment in which they live. It influences the way people live, as well as the different culture and beliefs people have from around the world. It also tied in really nicely with the Our Way theme for these two weeks of 'Caring for Others, Accepting Diversity'.

Article Written by:

Jasmine Lam 13D3

## GEOGRAPHY

### Geography and the Sands of Time

On a recent Friday, the Year 13 Geography students headed out on what would be their final trip of the year. For many, this was the end of four years of field trips. Starting early, at seven in the morning, the four classes bussed to Muriwai Beach, where we spent the day studying the natural environment and spatial variations in features and processes.

Our reasons for going, were to study the area in detail for our external exams, where we are required to analyse the natural processes occurring in a local environment. Muriwai Beach is a treasure trove of spatial variation, with different sands, relief forms and vegetation; making it a unique Auckland environment.



The day followed a strict itinerary, one that was aided by perfect weather and a surprising lack of traffic. Once we had woken up from our naps on the bus, we had a short stop overlooking our study environment and Maori Bay, one of the many locations we would be walking to later during the fieldtrip. We then headed to the northernmost point of our study area, which was the Okiritoto Stream. Splitting into groups we investigated the types of sand and vegetation we could see and took photos where it would help our study for the exams. Our subsequent locations for field work were the surf club at Muriwai Beach, the caves adjacent to Fisherman's Rock, the lookout over the gannet colony on Otakamiro Point and finally, back to Maori Bay.

Wet sand covered our sneakers and rain-jackets and beanies were shed as the temperature climbed. We examined joints in the rocks, paced out the width of the beach and overlooked the shore platform where the plunging waves crashed onto the rock. When we weren't taking as many selfies as possible or eating lunch at the local café, everyone filled out booklets that became decorated with field sketches, measurements and details of beach and dune gradients that are guaranteed to help with our upcoming practice exam.



Overall, we learnt a lot (including that there are no bins in regional parks) and had fun while doing so. The beautiful weather provided a great atmosphere for the final Year 13 Geography trip. It was a successful day.

Article Written by: Bryony Ammonds-Smith 13D3



## YEAR 11 BUSINESS TRIP

Spookers and Human Resources

On 25 July, the year 11 business classes went on a trip to Spookers to help aid with their learning on the operation of human resources. After school, we all lined up and headed onto the buses sent by Spookers. The ride to Spookers was an hour long and the closer we got, the eerier the mood became.

Once we got there, we were welcomed and gathered into one room. Then we went into groups of 8 and were taken on a tour through their Taste of Terror tour. My group was quite anxious so the tour guide customised our tour to suit the participants' tolerance level. We entered many different rooms that had their own back story and fixed characters. The tour guide patiently explained each room's story, characters and the creative ways they scare customers.

At the end of the tour we all headed into the dining room where we were provided a drink of our choice along with pizza and fries. The room was filled with excitement and chatter.

After dinner, Julia Tukani the managing director, discussed the business to us. Julia briefed us on the history, organisational structure, culture and values of Spookers. Most importantly she answered all of our questions on how and what her family's business looks for when recruiting actors for Spookers. Overall, our trip to Spookers was an amazing & helpful learning experience and on behalf of year 11 business, I would like to thank Spookers and Julia Tukani for their hospitality. Thanks to Mr Sharma, Mrs Kuo, Mrs Tautogi and Mrs McArthur for making this trip possible.

Article Written by: Daisy Yang 11K6

## ENDEAVOUR UPDATE

A greener look for Endeavour!

On Thursday 17 August, a few Endeavour students gave up their morning to plant Kowhai trees at the back of our whanau.

This was a project with the goals of improving the look of Endeavour by planting trees which grew yellow flowers, while also adding a possible interval rest-area for students in the future where they could sit underneath the trees. Thanks to the efforts of Endeavour's Environmental and Service Committee, another step has been taken in the right direction in creating a more Environmentally-friendly environment for the Yellow Whanau.

The Cancer Society is Endeavour whanau's chosen charity. The week leading up to Daffodil Day has been filled with kind donations from both students and teachers across the school. We have yet to find out a total value but the displays of generosity are incredibly promising.

Thank you for all of your kind donations!

Article Written Ryan Chen and Jaimie Lee (12E8)



## SCIENCE WEEK

Biology, Chemistry and Physics, all in one week

This year science week took place in week two of term three. It was aimed to illustrate that what we learn in the classroom has a real practical use with fun and hands on activities. Each day themed for a different science that Botany Downs Secondary College offers which are biology, chemistry and physics.

**Day One:** Opening science week, students could get up close with New Zealand geckos. Letting them walk all over our hands and feeding them was not an everyday activity for all of us.



**Day Two:** Physics is not all about long equations and confusing concepts. There are many aspects of physics, and this day was aimed at creating new innovative designs. Students got the opportunity to design and create their own paper planes and compete against each other to see who will take out the different categories. Many different models were brought to the competition to take out the most aesthetic category. However, the distance is really what mattered. Students carefully projected their planes to get the optimal height and distance to try to win this competition.

**Day Three:** This day was not for the light hearted. Students got down into the essentials of different animals cardiovascular and cardiac systems. Getting their hands on the organs was another experience. Many of them had never carried out a dissection to see how complex and sophisticated these organs truly are. Pumping the lung with air was also a different experience. Comprehending how much air the lungs can intake was impressive with the maximum expansion of the lungs (see next page for photo).

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**Day Four:** Going back to physics to shoot match-stick rockets, see fire jump and a levitating ball. This day demonstrated what we do in the classroom being put into practical use. A hands on experience with the matchstick rockets got students involved in the making of their rockets and firing them to get the furthest distance. Fire jumping to music isn't what we see every day, but for some students, they made the height of fire change with the frequencies of sound.



**Day Five:** To end science week, it was a colourful and cold day. Burning different compounds to see abstract colours brought students into the labs. After this heated experience, the next experiments involved the -79 degree Celsius dry ice. Making giant bubbles and the anxious wait for the container to pop gave students the hand on, with gloves, experience with to the fun substances that was a first time for many people. The elephant's toothpaste brought many students to see the giant foam shot into the air.



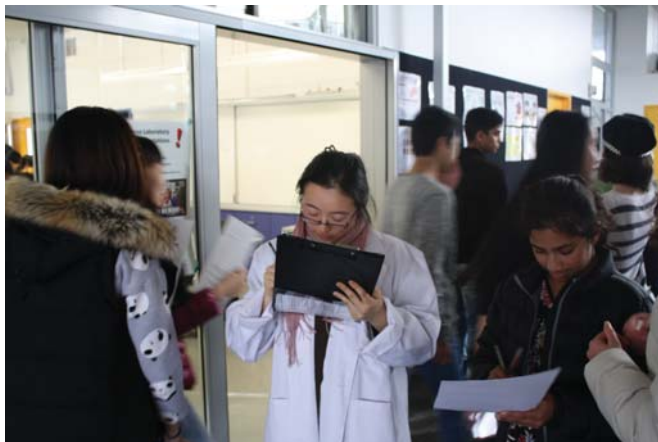
## SCIENCE COUNCIL

Mock Crime Scene

Near the evening of Saturday 12 August, our Science Club hosted an investigation into the student murder of Celine Dam.



Science Councillors assumed the roles of policemen and investigative detectives to help students track down clues to the murderer. These clues led students to upstairs Endeavour where items of possible significance to the murder were found. These included a mysteriously aggressive diary with entries containing the phrase "I want to kill Celine" written repeatedly, a blood-stained and hand-print covered wood block, and a ring coated in the victim's blood.



Most students aptly applied deduction and chemistry skills to the investigation, writing insightful reports which ultimately set them on track to go across the school to upstairs Spirit – hastily sealed off with crime scene ribbon.

There they were met with a challenge: to investigate the room where the murder itself occurred in under 3 minutes (to minimise contamination with evidence).

A select few students managed to find a black light which revealed a hidden female Venus symbol drawn by the murdered victim – assumedly seconds before her death. To the students, this indicated that the murderer was possibly female.

As the day went on, students steadily deduced from the evidence found in both Spirit and Endeavour that the murder of Celine was not only at the hands of one person, but two; Anagh Mane, and Manesha Juneja – both students of BDSC with the latter being the girl who delivered the fatal blow.

The students who were the first to give this conclusion were Christine Li, Peixin Chen, and Erica Shen, who won first place. Thanks to the help of Mr Yang and Mrs Husted who supervised this intricate process, the Science Technicians who provided equipment, and the guidance of the Science Councillors, the day ended successfully as the second major Crime Scene Investigation of BDSC, succeeding the investigation of Mr Henty's death last year. There'll be more murders coming!

Article Written by: Ryan Chen



## SOCIAL SCIENCES

### Leadership Diversity Day

Reflecting on religion, meeting like-minded leaders and thinking outside the box were only a few of the many tasks that two students from Botany Downs Secondary College experienced at the Leadership Diversity Day conference.

The Leadership Diversity day is an event created and sponsored by the Auckland Interfaith Council and enables students to interact with other students from schools around Auckland.

The main purpose of this program is to encourage unity through religion and leadership and for Year 12's to gain various domination values.

Students, Darsh Matharu and Tamika Prins travelled on Wednesday 16 August to the Unitec Campus in Mt Albert to experience this event. The day kicked off with a Powhiri into the Marae, followed by presentations on various values such as innovation, diversity, thinking critically and creatively, community and participation, integrity and respect.



"Something that I took away from this day was, that we as a society need to be more tolerant and accommodating of other religions. Religion is a stigmatized topic and breaking this stigma starts with tolerance." - Tamika Prins

Article Written by: Tamika Prins and Darsh Matharu 12S10

### VALUES TAUGHT

**Innovation, inquiry and curiosity** by thinking critically, creatively and reflectively

**Diversity** as found in our different cultures, languages and heritages

**Community and Participation** for the common good

**Integrity** which involves being honest, responsible, accountable and acting ethically and to respect themselves, others, and human rights.



## LOVE EAST AUCKLAND

### East Auckland Schools Initiative 2017



On 29 July, twenty BDSC students along with some students from Santa Maria College and Elim College participated in the 'Love East Auckland' event. Organised by the Head Students of multiple East Auckland Schools, we had identified within our schools a lack of engagement with the community as well as with the other schools in our area and thus, organised Love East Auckland in order to increase our interaction with the members of our community.

We split up into groups and went to popular areas in the East Auckland area such as Botany Town Centre, Howick Village and Lloyd Elsmore and gave out free chocolates as well as compliment cards. We also talked and mingled with the lovely people of East Auckland who were very interested to hear about what we were doing and the initiatives that we were taking part in. To round off the day, we had a sausage sizzle sponsored by the Howick Youth Council at BDSC and the students from the various schools that attended got an opportunity to get to know each other. The day was really worthwhile and the smiles on the people's faces when we did our random acts of kindness were really heart-warming. What made the day so much more rewarding was seeing the positive comments that were posted on our Facebook page, praising us for how nice we were and how we made peoples' days.

Love East Auckland was part of an East Auckland Schools initiative. If you would like to find out more about who we are and what we do, please visit our Facebook page at East Auckland Schools 2017.

Article Written by: Hirzi Rafli Putra-Laksana



# COLLEGE SPORT

## NETBALL COMBINED POINTS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 2 August, BDSC took 3 Netball teams to the Auckland Secondary Schools Combined Points Netball Tournament. All 3 teams did BDSC proud, performed well during the day and made significant improvements from the start of the day to the end. The 9A team found themselves in a tough pool and had some close games with some big Netball schools. Our 10A team did exceptionally well winning 4 out of 5 games and qualifying for the quarterfinals. They came up against a tough One Tree Hill side but were very competitive. The Premier team also did well winning 2 out of 4 games, only closely missing out on a win over an experienced St Cuthbert's side. This tournament was a great development opportunity for our top teams at each age level. A special Thank you to Paige Griffiths (10B1) and Kaitlyn Apaipora (11B7) who gave up their time to umpire for the day.



## LACROSSE CHAMPS

On Thursday 10 August our girls Lacrosse team attended the Auckland Secondary Schools Division 2 Lacrosse Champs at College Rifles in Remuera. The team conducted themselves really well throughout the day and showed some great talent and ability. The team is made up of a few experienced players and players new to lacrosse. A special thank you to Julia Gasston and Ash Raman who helped to coach the team throughout the season and to Mr M Dammert who managed the team and transported the girls every week. We are looking forward to the sport of Lacrosse growing at BDSC in years to come.



The team from left to right:

Back Row: Wingkei Chen (9J5), Vanessa Nguyen (10D9), Asiel ElAshay (12S4), Jeslyn Liew (12S4), Gurnoor Dhatt (12B7), Holly Crump (12K12), Tabarek Al-Jebouri (12J11), Nnedima Umeano (12K12), Monique Prime (10D9) and Raksha Chandra (9B1).  
Front Row: Daisy Yang (11E8), Breanna Garcia (9D9), Kat Hanson (11J5), Shanice Tan (9J11) and Lara Dammert (10K12).

## CRICKET

Congratulations to Our 3rd XI Boys Cricket team who Placed 1st in their respective B Grade Competition at the beginning of this year. The side was coached by Mark Scharnick and captained by Shaman Singh (13E8).



Congratulations to our 1st XI girls Cricket team for a tremendous effort in winning the 1A grade at the beginning of the year. The team is coached by students: Arjun Thakur (13S4), Ruben Van der Merwe (12K12) and Christian James (12K12).





# COLLEGE SPORT CONTINUED

## TOURNAMENT WEEK

This year, BDSC is sending 6 teams away on Tournament Week. We wish them the Best of Luck at their respective tournaments across the North Island.

Team	Coaches & Managers	Tournament	Venue
Hockey 1st XI Girls	Mallory Jordan & Mrs V Darby	Chica Gilmer Trophy	Whangarei
Hockey 1st XI Boys	Mr M Hart & Melissa Burnett	Woolaston Trophy	Stratford
Football 1st XI Girls	Mr K Adams & Steph Trowill	Maurice Hulme Cup	Rotorua
Netball Premier	Issy Matenga & Mrs J Mahar	Upper North Island Secondary Schools	Auckland
Rugby U15	Mr S Martin, Mr K McLennan, Roger Tupu Tuia, Meni Tupu Tuia	Hurricanes Tournament	Wellington
Basketball Open Boys	Bernadette Hing & Mr J Samuel	North Island Secondary Schools	Auckland

## TOURNAMENT WEEK

As we approach the end of the Winter Sports Season, we have locked in dates for our 2017 Code prize-givings:

Code	Date and Time	Venue
Rugby	7pm on Monday 4 September	Performing Arts Ctr
Football	6pm on Tuesday 26 September	Endeavour Whanau
Netball	6pm on Tuesday 26 September	Spirit Whanau
Hockey	6pm on Tuesday 26 September	Britten Whanau
Basketball	Wednesday 27 September TBC	TBC
Table Tennis	TBC	TBC
Badminton	TBC	TBC

## ANAC WORLD AEROBICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the first few days of August Brooke Davies (11J5) competed at the ANAC International Aerobic Championships in Phoenix Arizona, representing NZ for the 4th consecutive year. Each year Brooke has competed she has not only been the highest placed New Zealander in her category she has consistently placed in the top 10.

In 2017 Brooke's category had four New Zealanders and a total of 49 athletes from 15 countries. Brooke's score placed her 6th = her final ranking was 7th. Congratulations to Brooke on her commitment and consistent achievement representing her country.



## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### AEROBICS CHAMPS

On Saturday 19 August, the NZ Secondary School Aerobics Championships were held at Somerville Intermediate. BDSC had five girls participate in the event and once again BDSC students displayed true sportsmanship both on and off the competition floor and competed brilliant routines.

All of the girls came away with some fantastic results:

Brooke Davies (11J5) finished in 2nd place overall in International Age Group 2. Shannon Lunny (11J5) finished in 1st place overall and Aimee Bell (10J11) in 2nd place overall in the ADP4 category. Georgia Taylor (10B1) finished in 1st place overall in the ADP3 category and Caela Ackerman (9J5) finished in 5th place overall in the Open Level 3 category.

A huge congratulations to all five athletes who represented BDSC exceptionally well.

The team from left to right: Georgia Taylor (10B1), Brooke Davies (11J5), Aimee Bell (10J11), Caela Ackerman (9J5) and Shannon Lunny (11J5).



# COLLEGE SPORT

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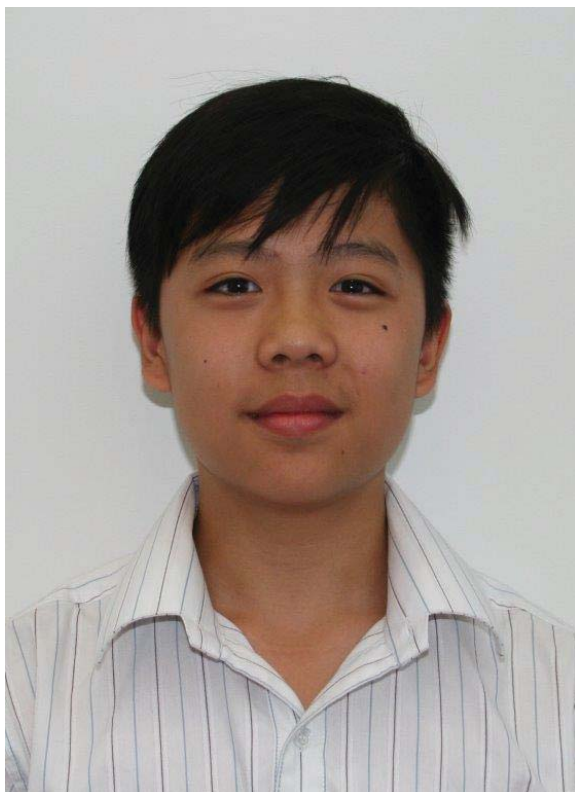
### NEW ZEALAND KARATE

We would like to recognise Norbu Law (9K6) who after a tough selection process, has been selected to represent New Zealand in the U21 World Karate Championships in Tenerife, Spain during October and November.

His successful selection has come from his efforts to date throughout this year. His achievements are as follows:

- 2 Gold Medals in the New Zealand Open
- 1 Gold Medal in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs
- 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal in the Auckland Cup
- 2 Gold Medals in the New Zealand National Championships
- and 2 Gold Medals in the Auckland Open Championships

We are very proud of Norbu's achievements are looking forward to hearing the results from the World Karate Champs.



### TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 17 August, Ethan Chung (13K6), Augustus Chu (12E8), Derek Long (12E8), and Tony Huang (9B1) went to the Auckland Table Tennis Stadium at Epsom to compete in the Greater Auckland Champion of Champions Team Tournament. This is a one day tournament where the winning top two teams of each grade in the Auckland zone, East, West, North and South come together to challenge other Secondary Schools. The tournament is an all-day event. The winners of each grade are then crowned Auckland Secondary Schools Champions.

Our team competed in the B1 Grade. The team adjusted well to the long format, the first for us. We struggled to hit the ground running against the prepared and strong opposition. We played two of the schools who were later placed on the podium 1st and 3rd

After these two tough losses, we managed to get into our rhythm and play close and high intensity matches, picking up individual singles wins and doubles wins across the next four matches. Ultimately, we didn't perform at our best level, but it was still a ridiculous amount of fun to play the sport, fight it out across tight games, and meet new people who love the sport as much as we do. We are grateful and honored to have been provided this exciting new experience and are proud to have been able to represent BDSC at the event. Thanks to Michael Lowe (coach) for his direction and motivation and our personal professional photographer/supporter Mr Samuel.

The team from left to right: Ethan Chung (13K6), Derek Long (12E8)), Michael Lowe (coach), Tony Huang (9B1) and Augustus Chu (12E8).

Article Written By: Ethan Chung (13K6)



### U15 BOYS HOCKEY

Congratulations to our U15 Boys Hockey team. They finished the season unbeaten with their final game finishing in a 1-1 draw against Sancta Maria. The team end up Joint winners (with Sancta) of the U15 Central/East Grade. Well done boys! A big Thank you to the coaches of the team: Oliver Burnett (12S10), James Burnett (12S4) and Vishay Prasad (13B1).





## BADMINTON CHAMPS

On 15 August, we sent some of our top badminton players to Auckland Secondary School Championships. The team was made up of players from our A squad and it is encouraging to see some of our juniors participating and showing promise for future years. In a testament to their commitment, Alex Ung (11K6) and Angelina Ung (9K6) had ICAS exams the morning of the tournament but hopped straight into the van the minute they were finished.

The best age-group players in Auckland and in some cases NZ were there. Some outstanding results included Ashley Tan (9J5) and Angelina Ung (9K6) who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Junior Girls singles. In addition, Crystal Tan (12E8) and Polly Wang (11E8) who placed 4th in the Senior Girls doubles. Patrick Wang (11E8) came 2nd in his pool, a commendable effort as his only loss was to the eventual finalist. All the team did BDSC proud and had a great day out cheering each other on.



## CAREERS

Please be advised of upcoming Open Day events that would be of interest to all students and their families on **September 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**.

### Auckland Courses and Careers Day 2017

This day aims to show students, parents and families all the learning opportunities that the University of Auckland has to offer along with the incredibly diverse careers their programmes can lead to. Head up to the careers centre to pick up a courses and careers day programme.



### AUT LIVE 2017

Held at the AUT City Campus, it is your chance to attend information sessions on programmes offered at AUT, tour the campus and accommodation available and the ability to meet teaching staff and talk through study options. You are also able to see the AUT Student

Paramedics in action, challenge your perceptions of chemistry at Chemistry with a Bang and check out runway collections from fashion design students.

On **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**, you can see for yourself what the two top universities in Auckland have to offer and explore your future study options. Registration starts at **8am** and information sessions at both universities begin at **9am** with an approximate end of day at **3.30pm**.

# KEY DATES 2017

4 to 8 September	Tournament Week
Wed 6 September	OUT OF ZONE Enrolment Ballot Drawn
13 - 22 September	Senior Examinations (different bell times)
Sat 23 September	Botany Clean-Up
Fri 29 September	Term 3 Ends
Mon 16 October	Term 4 Starts
Mon 23 October	Labour Day
Wed 1 November	Year 13 Awards Ceremony at 7:00pm
Thur 2 November	Year 11 Awards Ceremony at 1:00pm
Thur 2 November	Year 12 Awards Ceremony at 7:00pm
6 - 10 November	Junior Examinations
Thu 9 November	NCEA L1, L2, L3 External Exams Commence
Fri 8 December	Year 10 Awards Ceremony at 10:00am
	Year 9 Awards Ceremony at 1:00pm
Thur 14 December	Term 4 Ends (approx date - please check our website for confirmation)