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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In education we know that hard work will always pay off but 'smart work' will achieve even greater gains for our students. Managing time, setting goals and focusing on the important learning tasks will help students maximise their achievements as the pressure of the upcoming external examinations for senior students) begins. Students need to think about what needs to be done, and then think again about the best way to accomplish it.

Students who have taken responsibility and worked to the best of their ability will get the academic outcomes they deserve. These students have a strong work ethic and an excellent attitude to learning. There are many tutorials on offer by staff during the weeks leading up to the exams and support as required during the external examination period. My thanks to the teachers who are providing these additional opportunities and support for our students.

It is not too late for students to put a study programme in place for the upcoming junior and senior NCEA external examinations. The 'power of the pen' or the act of writing information down consolidates it in our memory in a way that cannot be achieved by reading alone. While there are many other methods that your child should employ while studying – study notes are a must.

Success comes from hard work, perseverance and being motivated. Motivation affects the amount of time and energy students are willing to devote to a task. Motivation is a personal phenomenon strongly related to each student's desire or challenge to be successful. We have great students who are motivated and working hard to achieve at high levels.

Over the next three weeks, we have many celebratory events acknowledging student accomplishments for the year and the all anticipated announcement of Head and Lead students for 2018. Please refer to the calendar of events on the following page.

I hope you are able to join us to acknowledge and celebrate the many successes of our students.

Kind regards
Karen Brinsden
Principal



KEY DATES 2017

Mon 16 October	Term 4 Starts
Mon 23 October	Labour Day
Thur 26 October	Arts Awards
Sat 28 October	Sports Awards
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
Thur 9 November	NCEA L1, L2, L3 External Exams Commence
Thur 30 November	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Fri 8 December	Year 10 Awards Ceremony at 10:00am Year 9 Awards Ceremony at 1:00pm
Fri 8 December	Term 4 Ends (please check our website for confirmation)



NEPAL TRIP 2017



During the holidays many dreams came to life, I cannot think of a time in my 9-year teaching career that I have been prouder of my students. In the past few weeks the Outdoor Education students needed to dig deep to push past sickness, personal struggles, altitude headaches, fatigue, homesickness, boredom and lack of sleep in order to ensure that all 26 of us stood at the base of the world's largest mountain.

Too often we hear people (including myself) say that teenagers these days are not as tough and resilient as they were back in the day. Each and every one of them have proved that stereotype wrong.

It warmed my heart to see them lifting each other up when feeling down, showing patience and maturity beyond their years, all the while delivering countless friendly 'namaste's' (hello in Nepalese) to strangers on the trail.

I cannot count the amount of times random people would comment in disbelief that a group of high school students were heading to base camp. Us teachers, Mr Saville, Miss Croskery and I wouldn't have made it if it was not for them believing in this experience, but their behaviour has allowed us to enjoy it.

Outdoor education is not just about gaining credits or being the best at an activity but developing life skills, helping others and getting stories to make others say 'we get it'.

This year has had its ups and downs for me but a definite highlight is when I shared All 5360m Of Everest Base Camp with 23 Botany Downs students who give me peace knowing that the future is looking good.

Dhanebadh (thank you in Nepalese), Dave Williams



OUR SCHOOL

BRISBANE TOUCH TRIP 2017

Over the holiday break we took 28 students to Brisbane to compete in the Queensland All Schools Touch Tournament.

This tournament is held annually and attracts over 420 teams from all over Australia, Singapore and a few teams from New Zealand. This is the largest touch tournament in the World.

We had two teams competing at this tournament, both in the 18 Mixed Grade. In this grade there were 62 teams split into pools of 8 and 7.

Our Maroon team (our development team) started and ended the tournament strongly with two good wins over Central Heights 5-1 and Balmoral 11-1. They lost their other 4 games, but competed strongly and grew as a team and as individuals throughout the tournament. The goal for the Maroon team was by the end of the tournament for every member of the team to have scored a try. Our final try of the tournament was scored by Eden Crenfeldt-Smith (11J11). Our trigger word at All Schools was P.U.S.H. ... Persevere Until Success Happens. They would call it out to keep calm and to keep stability within the squad. Eden's final try of the tournament showed both teams coming together to become Botany. It was truly an awesome edge to PUSH. With just a few minutes on the clock and the Blue team all along the sideline and our huge support crew there with us, she scored her try. It was an awesome moment for everyone.

Our Blue team were in a pool of 8 and through pool play won all 7 games. V Matthew Flinders 4-2, V Sienna Catholic College 9-4, v Bowen SHS 2-0, V Canterbury College 9-1. V St Augustines College 15-0, V Tannum Sands 6-1, V Toogoolawah 9-1.

This put them in first place in their pool and qualified them for finals day. Unfortunately they lost their first game 3-4 against Southport. Although we were unable to go through any further, the team can be very proud of themselves for making the top 16 out of 62 teams in total. This was a great achievement in itself.

We had an awesome time in Brisbane, all 28 students can hold their heads high, parents and staff can be proud of them of how they conducted themselves throughout the tour.

For most of the time we had great weather, but just want to mention that on the Friday while our maroon team were playing we could see in the distance an impressive lightning storm that was steadily getting closer. No one apart from us Kiwis seemed to be too concerned about this, however, once our game was completed we were all called into the control area for protection until the storm had passed. Within 40 minutes it was gone and the sun was out shining again.

A special thanks has to go to Brisbane State High School for their hospitality once again, looking after us and providing us with a tent and supporting us while we played, to Stephen Langdon who provided us with a second tent supplied by Goodyear Tyres and a special thanks to the parents and family members that made their way over the ditch to support us all.

Thanks to Pete and Phillipa Samuel (coaches), Mr McLennan and Miss Mahar for all your hard work throughout the year and while over in Australia. This has been a long journey for this fine young group of athletes, they started training in early April of this year. Our journey is not yet over as we now look forward to competing at New Zealand Secondary Schools Touch Nationals which will be held in early December.

Written by Julie Mahar



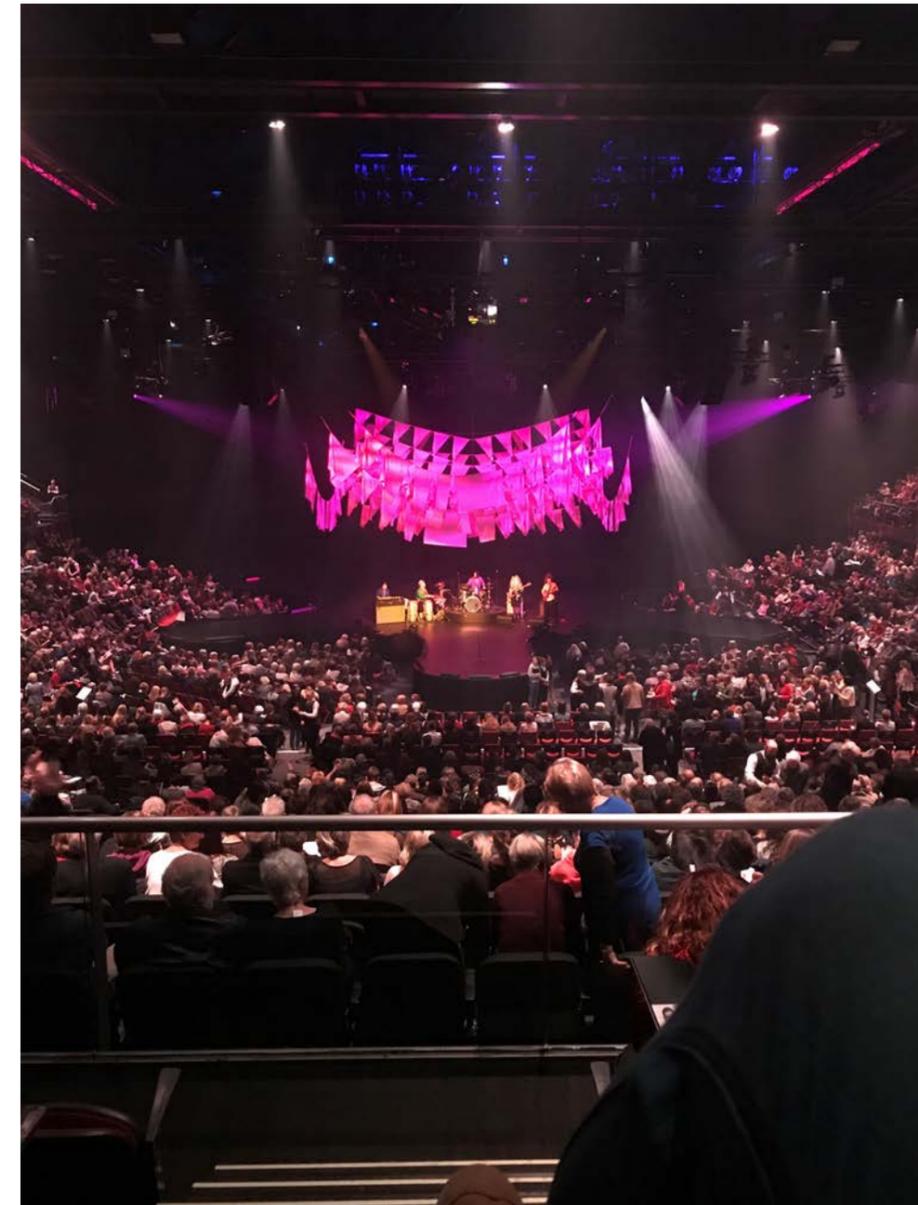
WOW WELLINGTON TRIP 2017

The skies of the windy city seemed to clear to nothing but a gentle breeze and promising sunshine which greeted twelve Year 13 students as we stepped into Wellington on the first Sunday of the school holidays. We were in the capital city to see the World of Wearable Arts show – an annual event celebrating designers and their ability to make art out of any possible material. Designers from all over the world enter fashion pieces, and the grandeur of the show makes it no surprise that we found ourselves sitting in a practically sold-out matinee. All of us - consisting of the different subjects offered at Year 13 - sat in awe of the quirky fashion that addressed every category from Aotearoa to Science Fiction. We saw everything from extravagant robots to a human contorted into a cube, and celebrated the sheer concept of wearable art. For those of us who participated in the school Wearable Arts, we definitely picked up some tips.

Our second day was action-packed, all of us willingly getting up early to soak in as much as possible. The first stop was Weta Workshops in Miramar, surprised to see that an unassuming building in the middle of a suburb was home to some of the best special effects in the film industry. We took a tour around the studios, learning about how they make costumes and props for well-known franchises such as Lord of the Rings. We then went to Te Papa, exploring the renowned Gallipoli: Scale of our War exhibition (crafted by Weta) and the many other exhibits the museum had to offer. By the time we headed out of the museum and into the bright Wellington sunshine, it was barely lunchtime. That left us with free time to explore the city, and a challenge to complete before we returned to the airport. Our task was simple; locate some of Wellington’s iconic landmarks and take the most creative selfies we could possibly imagine. This meant posing in front of statues, fountains and train stations, with extra effort added as we stood in front of Wellington’s brightest and most famous feature - the Beehive.

It was a whirlwind thirty-six hours, but it was clear that every single one of us had an incredible time. We want to thank Miss Cunningham and Miss Henshaw for organising the trip, and helping to end the year with an amazing weekend we will never forget!

Written by Bryony Ammonds-Smith, 13D3.



OUR SCHOOL

YEAR 13 TECHNOLOGY TRIP

On August the 1st the year 13 Tem students had the opportunity of a lifetime, which consisted of meeting Allan Drinkrow and having a look at his private car collection. His private collection had a larger number of classic cars and bikes worth millions and millions of dollars.

While looking at his collection he has given us an insight to the workings and running's of each vehicle and how he has restored them back to their former glory.

An interesting point is that Allen Drinkrow the owner of the collection is highly knowledgeable about the cars and the running of them as he himself worked on all of his vehicles.

After this amazing experience we made the 50 minute trip, for the long awaited Hampton downs go-karts. Everyone was both excited but nervous.

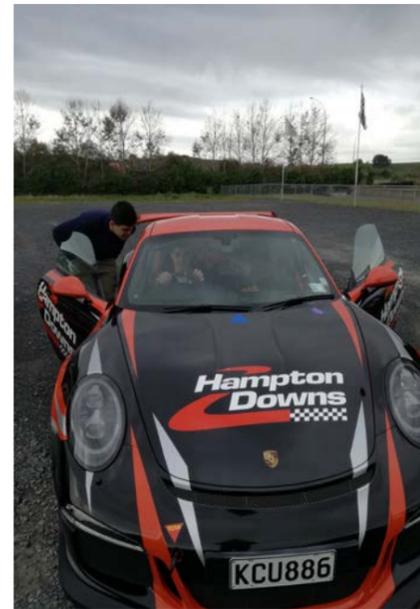
We first of all got to look at the Porsche, Lexus and Mustang cars they race, which we were also able to sit in as well, great photo opportunity.



During Go Karting we went in separate groups, luckily I was in the last group which allowed for us to get a good line to drive watching some of the fast drivers, which just so happened to be Mr Wilding. But that was short lived as I and a few others were able to beat his time hurting his ego a bit. But it was okay as he had another opportunity to try and redeem himself, which he could not sadly due to some incidents. As the day finished out everybody seemed to have an amazing experience with some eye opening opportunities which will never be forgotten.

Would just like to say a thank you to the Mr Wilding and Mr Camp for the amazing time we had and for driving us around! Much appreciated!

Tashil Naidoo 13E8



On Tuesday the first of August the year 13 TEM students had the amazing opportunity of going through a priceless car collection, which consisted a number of rare heritage, classic and modern cars worth large sums of money. Being able to get a knowledgeable insight on the workings, restoration, and history of the Vehicles was great, and expanded my knowledge on cars. This lead to having a thrilling ride in the fully electric, top of the line Tesla Model P100, with Alan, the owner of the collection. Which was truly astonishing.

As a group we then embarked on an hour long journey down south to the highly awaited Go - Karting Experience, at Hampton Downs Race Track. Here we battled against our classmates and our teachers for the best time of the day. As the day progressed Mr Wildings best wasn't good enough to beat his students. This was definitely a trip to remember, cheers to Mr Wilding and Mr Camp for the amazing experience, and organisation of it all.

By Liam Ryan 13S4



OUR SCHOOL

SUBJECT TUTORIALS FOR EXAM PREPARATION

MATHEMATICS (Venue to be advised):

Friday 17 November:

Level 1 Mathematics and Level 2 Mathematics

Tuesday 21 November:

Level 3 Calculus and Level 3 Statistics

SCIENCE:

Assistance available on a daily basis. Students please to make an appointment with the teacher.

ENGLISH:

Level 1 - Tuesday 3:30-4:30 in G1.8.

These will run in weeks 2, 3 and 4

Level 2 – Tuesday 3:30-4:30 in B1.5.

These will run in weeks 2 and 3

Level 3 – Wednesday 3:30-4:30 in BL1.5.

These will run in weeks 2 and 3

GEOGRAPHY:

Wednesday 25 October:

3.30 – 4.30pm Level 2 Geography

Thursday 26 October:

3.30 – 4.30pm Level 1 and Level 2 Geography

Tuesday 30 October:

3.30 – 4.30pm Level 1 Geography skills

Thursday 2 November:

3.30 – 4.30pm Level 3 Geography

HISTORY:

Workshops every Tuesdays from 3:45 to 5:15pm

LALAGA STUDY CLUB (all subjects):

Every Wednesday after school in the conference Centre

JAPANESE:

Every Thursday over lunch time in M1.5

OTHER:

If your student needs help with Technology, Drama, Music, French, Spanish, Classics and Tourism - additional tutorials available as needed. Please check with your subject teacher.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AND LEAVING SCHOOL BY PARENTAL VEHICLE

The **student drop-off and pick-up area is in the back car park**. Traffic will enter via the northernmost gate, and continue down the one-way road past the water tanks to the back car park. Cars will leave the school grounds past the roundabout out the southernmost exit past the Panasonic Performing Arts Centre to the traffic lights.

The front slip road is closed to through traffic and is for staff parking only, except for the provision for disabled car access.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE EASTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING AREA IS NEITHER A DROP-OFF NOR PICK-UP ZONE.

