

# Marlborough Boys' College

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September 2016



## Term 3 Reflections - Principal - Wayne Hegarty

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou

Term 3 has been very busy. On an academic front we are at the business end of the year. Students have sat internal exams, hopefully learnt from these and should be focusing on their externals. I thank parents who supported their sons by attending the Conference Days in the last week of term.

We have celebrated students during the term who participated in the ICAS Science competition. Thomas Trollope was the outstanding performer achieving a distinction and being in the top 5% of Year 13 participants in NZ and the Pacific Region. Steven Simpson, Jude Anderson, Jack Isles and Logan Lowther received Credit certificates. Louis Pinker-Meihana and Ethan Attridge were also recognized.

I commend all Year 9 – 11 students who entered in the Science Fair. Winners of awards were:

BEST EXHIBIT IN FAIR - Samuel Lee, Electrifying Emission Filter.

Best Technology Exhibit - Samuel Lee (Gold).

Best Science Exhibit - Kaleb Donald, Alex Gasson (Gold).

Wilson Challenge - Ben Alexander, Bronson Skipper.

Best Statistical Content - Kaleb Donald, Alex Gasson.

Royal Aeronautical Society ODENZ Award - Travis Bryden, Wind Power (Gold).

Highly Commended were:

Ben Alexander, Bronson Skipper, Ben Jarvis, Harry Jackson, Aaron Lambert, Luke Simpson, Hunter Davies, Jack Winstanley, Finlay Gilmour.



Samuel Lee

In leadership the process for selecting 2017 Prefects and Head Boy are underway. Those selected will be named at senior prize giving.

I want to thank Jack Dalton, Chris Grammer and Joshua Thomas for allowing their nomination for student representative on the Board of Trustees.

The winter Year 10 camp to Rotoiti was a great success and I know lots of boys who are looking forward to the summer camp in November.

There were some outstanding achievement in the Arts in Term 3. I applaud Denise Moran (Director), Con O'Brien (Choral Director), Jeannie Mark (Choreography) and Robin Randall (Musical Direction) and all other staff and community members who supported students in Hairspray. What an amazing production. There were several students performing for the first time in a production but you would never have known it.

The MBC Jazz combo performed with distinction in Southern Jam and there were commendable performances in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition. The school musical talent quest exposed more talent in the school than I was aware of.

In sport we had rowers, sailors, touch players and a volleyball player compete overseas during the term. Angus McFarlane competed in the 2016 World Junior championships in Rotterdam as a member of the national junior squad that finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 8's final. Jordan Gasson was chosen in the New Zealand under-21 team in the lightweight double sculls crew to compete in a trans-Tasman series in Sydney and Karapiro. Following on from the success of the school sailing team in finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at Secondary School Nationals team members Nicholas Gardiner and Nicholas Williams travelled to Long Beach California and won the coveted and hugely valuable William I Koch International Sea Scout Cup becoming the first overseas team to win the trophy, and by the biggest margin in the history of the event. The trophy is valued at over US\$250,000. In touch Tom Downes and Keelan Murrell were selected in the N.Z. Under 15 Touch Team and volleyballer Theo Martin-Babin was selected in the New Zealand Development Volleyball team. Both teams competed in Australia.

### 2016 TERM DATES

Term 4 10 October-14 December

### 2017 START UP DATES

Term 1 1 February-13 April  
1 February Yr9, Yr13 attend  
2 February Yr9, Yr12 attend  
3 February All levels attend

### Term 4 Important Dates

19 October Cultural Prizegiving  
20 October Junior Social  
24 October Labour Day (Holiday)  
27 October Sportsman of the Year Dinner  
31 October Marlborough Anniversary (Holiday)  
3 November Senior Prizegiving last day for Yr 11-13  
4 November Year 8 Testing  
10 November NZQA Exams begin  
21 November Junior Exams week  
28 Nov-2 Dec Rotoiti Winter Camp  
2 December NZQA Exams finish  
13 December Diploma Graduation  
14 December Junior Prizegiving



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A sporting highlight was the Marlborough Boys' College First XI Football defeating Nelson College 2-1 and winning the Alex Harvey Industries Cup which has been competed for by the nation's leading secondary school football teams on a challenge basis since 1985.

In the last week of term 2, I travelled with the Mayor, council staff and representatives to Ningxia a rural area in China with which there are developing civic and business links developed around a rapidly expanding wine industry. The delegation visited several educational institutions and negotiations began about developing a sister-school relationship with a school in Yinchuan the largest city in Ningxia. Recently Bernie Rowe Chairperson of the Marlborough Girls' College Board travelled to Ningxia as part of another sister-city delegation and signed a sister-school agreement on our behalf with Yinchuan No 9 School.



Term 3 is the busiest in our international programme. We had four students and one staff member (Yurie Ozeki) attend for between 7 and 9 weeks from Jissen Gakuen our sister-school in Tokyo. We also had 42 students from Jissen for the traditional week-long visit. We also had four Chinese students organised by an ex-student Gavin Neal here for 4 weeks and 4 Korean visitors here for 7 weeks as part of a Korean and New Zealand government exchange programme. We also had a short term student from Italy. I want to thank all those people who have supported our international programme by offering their homes to students. As so many host parents have told me the benefits are definitely two ways.

All has been quiet on the new school front as the MOE investigate a new site for the co-located schools. In the interim Deputy Principal Michael Heath has been appointed to a fixed term role as Co-Location Planning Manager with special funding provided by the MOE. Assistant Principal Jeremy Marshall and Julian Adamson (MGC) have both been appointed to fixed term Deputy Principal roles for the duration of Michael Heath's secondment, confirming the commitment of our Board to provide the very best opportunities for our current students.

From a staffing perspective Sally Withers was recognised for her service to education by being awarded a Woolf-Fisher Scholarship. A recognition fully deserved. Congratulations also to Dr Eliot Attridge who was named as a Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert joining an exclusive world-wide group of MIE Experts.

We are in the process of making a number of teacher appointments for 2017 and are encouraged by the number and quality of applicants for positions. We are pleased to announce the permanent full time appointment of a specialist Accounting Teacher in 2017.

It has taken nine months of recruiting overseas and in NZ to make this appointment.

I wish all families a restful Term 3 break as we look forward to spring, exams and the end of the academic year with the usual round of Cultural, Sporting and Academic Ceremonies.

W. Hegarty  
Principal

### Woolf-Fisher Scholarship

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Sally spent time in Australia looking at a variety of cross curricular programmes and modern teaching environments in agricultural, environmental and science and maths focussed schools.



### Working with students from Jissen Gakuen School (Tokyo) Kiwi Cooking Experience

The Year 11 Hospitality Studies Students had the pleasure of teaching these students from our sister school in Tokyo to make Kiwi Burgers with Horopito and mixed berry smoothies.



### Food Technology Department

Requests the donation of plastic containers and lids. These are used to store foodstuffs and for students to use to take their products home.



## SPORTS REPORT

The highlight of Term 3 on the sporting calendar was tournament week where we had several teams spread across the country competing in a variety of sports.

The **Junior Basketball** Team competed in the South Island Champs in Dunedin where they performed well in a tough competition. Out of 21 teams they finished 15<sup>th</sup>. Several players were selected to attend a training camp in October. They were – **Lotu Solomona, Max MacDonald, Torbin Otway, Ben Theyes, Troy Yokoya.**

The **U15 Rugby team** ventured south to Invercargill for their South Island tournament and found the going tough against hard opposition. Despite not picking up a win this team which comprised many young players was competitive and didn't disgrace themselves on the field. Players to shine were **Liam Duncan, Jayden Lister and Tino Vakaloa.**

Our **Hockey** team played in a tournament in the Wairarapa. This young team ended up coming 8<sup>th</sup> in a tournament that they were originally seeded last in so they overachieved somewhat. Standout players were **Jack Boon and Eli Kepes.**

The **1st XI Football team** continued their good inter school form when they travelled to Tauranga for the National Premier Football tournament. They finished with a national ranking of 21st and won 5 of their 7 games at the tournament, losing only to Tawa in a penalty shootout and Palmerston BHS after the scores were locked together with only a few minutes to go.

The biggest scalp was that of current Wellington champions, Hutt International Boys 2-0 while other wins were recorded against Timaru Boys 2-0, Rongotai 3-0, Middleton Grange 3-0 and 1-0. Alex Connor-McLean maintained his prolific goal scoring record and his individual tally of 10 goals was easily enough to secure the prestigious Golden Boot award. This is an amazing feat in very rich company. Bjorn Waechter was another standout in a very good team effort, he was tireless in the midfield and was one of the quickest and most skilful players on display.



Liam Sluiter, Anzac Morel, Jack Morris, Brayden Hook, Josh Ludemann, Alex Connor-McLean, Joel Ruffell, Bjorn Waechter, Milan Cunliffe-Post, Guy Nolan, Caleb Downes, Nicholas Stanton(c), Harrison Morel(vc), Martin Delgado Oro Ojeda, Ben Shallcrass

## Rowing

[Click here](#) or visit reception for Rowing recruitment letter



**1stXV Rugby** finished their year off on a high note winning the Plate Final in Timaru giving them an overall placing of 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition. This was particularly satisfying as the team had to endure a lot of travel at the back end of the season including two trips to Timaru in 3 weeks. Overall the team was satisfied with the final placing but also realised that they were capable of more and probably with more consistency were certainly capable of being a top 4 side. Several players were selected to go to the Crusaders Secondary Schools Camp – Sam Moli, Nigel Satherley, Taine Cragg-Love, Quinn Harrison-Jones, Jack Shadbolt, and Jaydn Holdaway, with Sam, Quinn and Jack being selected in the Crusaders Secondary Schools Team which played the Hurricanes. Highlights of the season included beating eventual winners Christchurch Boys High School on their front field (only team to beat them in 2016), wins over St Bedes and Burnside as well as a tough draw versus Nelson College.



1st XV After the final v Timaru about to receive Plate Trophy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

Over the next few weeks we have several teams competing in **Mountain Biking, Cycling, Shooting and the MBC Tennis Champs.** Good luck to all the students competing in these events.

We also have a **Sportsman of the Year Dinner on the 27 October** to celebrate the success of our students this year in sport.



## MBC SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 27 OCTOBER 2016 CLUBS OF MARLBOROUGH

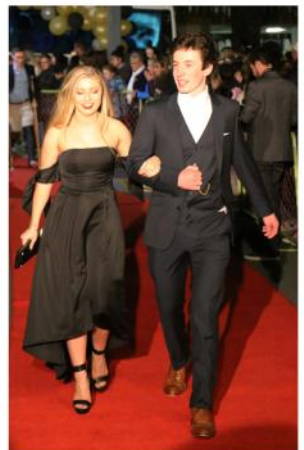
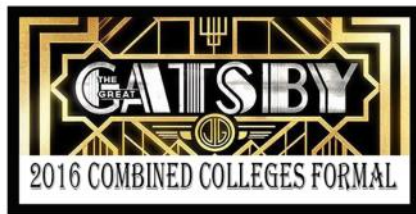
Once again we will be celebrating the sporting achievements of our students this year with our Sportsman of the Year Dinner. All students who are to receive an award will be contacted and tickets can be purchased for \$40.00 from the schools finance office. Nominations are being sought for the following awards:

1. **Sports Team of the Year**
2. **Sports Man of the Year**

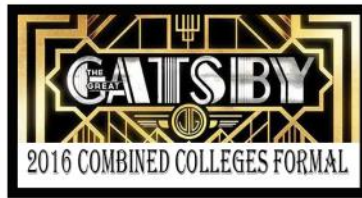
Any nominations can be made to Mr Cornelius via email [grayc@mbc.school.nz](mailto:grayc@mbc.school.nz).

Hope you can join us to celebrate another successful sporting year at MBC











## ART NEWS — TERM 3

### Hairspray

It has been a busy term for the performers in our midst. The Combined Colleges' Production of Hairspray hit the stage in week two and was a fantastic show, earning rave reviews from all who saw it. What a wonderful example of young people from both Colleges working together with obvious enjoyment. So much talent, but also so much hard work by so many people behind the scenes.

Congratulations must go to all involved – the show was a success in so many ways, artistically and financially. It is to be hoped that junior members of the audience will take on board what can be achieved and be lining up for the chance to be involved next year.



### Annual Southern Jam

MBC students tutored by Coral and Tony Thiele lined up to compete and entertain with talented jazz performers from all over the South Island. A number of individuals performed very creditably: Dylan Pope received special mention from the adjudicators for the pleasing sound he achieved on his trombone; Jack McRae won the adjudicator's choice award for musicianship in his superb mastery of the drums; Jonty Zydenbos won the most outstanding trumpet award, the most outstanding soloist and was selected as the first trumpet in the All Stars Band for the final concert. Other combo members who played an important part in the group were, Aiden Brown and George Young. It was a wonderful experience to listen to these boys perform so confidently at a number of venues around Blenheim during that week.

### Talent Quest Results

The Talent Quest was held on Wednesday 14 September, and included some polished and entertaining performances. Congratulations to all who took part and to the following place getters:

**Novice Solo Instrumental:** 1st Henry Cosgrove Davies,  
2nd Spencer Lane

**Novice Group Instrumental:** 1st Sam Lee, George Varney,  
2nd Aiden Brown

**Novice Solo Vocal:** 1st Siwa Pahulu, 2, Lotu Solomona

**Open Solo Instrumental Accompanied:**

1st Jonty Zydenbos, 2nd Steven Simpson, 3rd Jack McRae

**Open Solo Unaccompanied:** 1st George Young

**Open Group Instrumental:** 1st MBC Jazz Combo, 2nd Dylan Pope, Jonty Zydenbos, Ben Parson, Kodi Rasmussen, Ollie Sherf on brass, 3rd Dylan Pope, Ben Parsons duo

**Open Solo Vocal:** 1st Dennis Roque

**Open Classical Guitar:** 1st Jonty Zydenbos

**Open Original Composition Group:** 1st Jack McRae, Daniel Hurley, George Young;

2nd Aiden Brown and Havasnack group

### Cultural Celebration

This year we plan to showcase, recognize and reward the best of our performing artists at a Cultural Celebration to be held at the MBC Hall on Wednesday 19 October. The audience will be entertained with items from soloists and groups who have achieved well throughout the year in their chosen area. This includes for the first time our Pasifika performing Arts group and our Kapa Haka group.

Admission will be by ticket only.



### 2016 Impromptu Speech Competition

Well done to all involved.

Year 9: Eric Bekker

Year 10 Max Cavill-Sherriff

Year 11 Justin Starkey,

Year 12 Kallum Everitt Hill

Year 13 Andrew Pearce

OVERALL JUNIOR Max Cavill-Sherriff (right)

OVERALL SENIOR Justin Starkey (2nd Right)



### Term 3 Newsletter to Parents

Dear Parents

Many of our boys have been using the SUMDOG programme to boost their Mathematics skills. This is a fantastic website and phone/tablet app that allows our struggling boys to improve on their mathematical skills in a fun and challenging way. Nearly all of the boys participating are getting well over 50% in their accuracy results which is fantastic. Most of them have earned coins which translate into Ara Tika dollars. If the boys log in via <http://myMBC.school.nz> then they will not have to type in the school name when logging in. You can learn more at <http://www.sumdog.com/en/parents/> about using SumDog for your whole family. Many thanks for your support.

The Mathematics Faculty

## Careers Department

### Scholarships

Every year NMIT offers one student from each school in the top of the south an award worth \$2000 when you apply to study on a diploma or degree programme at NMIT. Awards can be used with other scholarships including Half a Degree for Free. All you need to do is simply apply online for your programme and then complete the form to register your interest in receiving the award.

<https://www.nmit.ac.nz/study/school-students-and-parents/apply-for-a-school-award/>

### Course planning

Just a reminder that Canterbury University and Victoria University will be in the school for course planning on Friday 14 October 2016. This is to help students to select their courses and to talk through the application process. If your son intends to take a gap year it is a good idea to attend one of these sessions as once they leave school it is harder to get the help they might need.

### Studylink

Over the holidays it would be a good time to have a look at the Studylink website to see if your son is eligible for a Student Allowance. It is also a good chance to get the paper work necessary for going to University. Most New Zealand Universities and Studylink require proof of citizenship. This can either be a birth certificate or passport. These need to be verified copies. To get your copy verified you need to go to either the Court House or to a lawyer (there should be no charge) with both the photocopy and the original. If you do not have the original then the document cannot be verified. Some birth certificates are not acceptable. You might have to send away for a full birth certificate. You will need at least two copies of your proof of citizenship so it would pay to get three done at the same time. For Studylink you will also need a verified copy of your IRD number, your bank details and a letter that has your address on (they need to know that you are living in New Zealand). If you spend time checking their website then it will save time in the long run.

The web address for studylink is <http://www.studylink.govt.nz/>

## 2017 History and Classics Tour

### - Kiwi's can and do fly

In one year's time, thirty young men from the college will be in Europe on a trip of a lifetime.

Planning for the 2017 History and Classics tour to Italy, France and England is well underway.

A parent committee is looking at ways to fundraise for additional group activities and items for the tour party. The first event, a monster Quiz Night, is planned for Term I next year.

We know that some boys are looking for work to earn some money to pay for the trip. If you know of opportunities for individuals, or for the group to fundraise we would love to hear from you.

There is still the opportunity for students and parents to join the tour party. If you are interested in visiting places like Pompeii, Rome, London, Paris and World War I's Western Front sites, then please do not hesitate to give Mr Clark or Mr Olliver a call or to email them at the college.




Dear Parents

The end of the third term and the end of the year is nearly upon us. So far we have given out 893 Bronze Certificates, 143 Silver Certificates and 17 Gold Certificates made up from just under two million participation points from the 336 boys involved. The average improvement of students by using Mathletics is over a 20% increase in their grades. And more than half of the results are higher than 85%. Remember to follow your son's progress on Mathletics via [www.mathletics.co.nz/parent](http://www.mathletics.co.nz/parent)

Many thanks for your support.

The Mathematics Faculty.



EducationPerfect

This last term we saw the introduction of Education Perfect as a learning tool for online homework and assessment. As we have had a chance to trial this website it has been a journey of discovery to see if the technology will assist our students in gaining their Mathematical understanding more readily. We will continue the trial through to the end of 2016 and consequently make decisions for 2017 later in the year.

So far we have seen 6,120 Mathematical questions answered from 69 activities among 484 students who have engaged with the programme.

With the ever present changes in technology and the advancements in teaching and learning methodologies, we hope to provide the students at Marlborough Boys' College with the greatest advantage to learning.



## Science Fair

Science Fair is an opportunity for students to put into practice scientific investigation skills that are immediately transferable to NCEA internal assessment. At the same time, it provides opportunities for students to investigate something they are interested in, in greater depth. In this year's science fair we had a strong number of entries that went on to win over \$2000 in prizes for the entrants.

Travis Brydon picked up a number of awards for his self-built turbine for his technology exhibit, 'Wind Power'. He received a total of \$150, including the Royal Aeronautical Society 1<sup>st</sup> prize and ODENZ award.

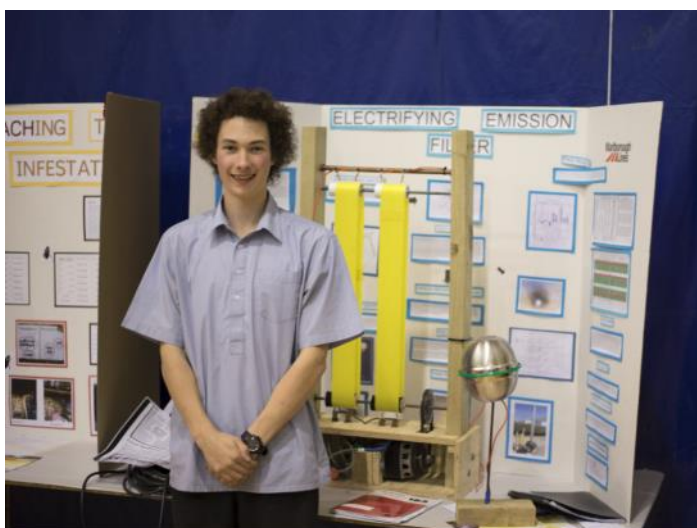
Alex Gasson and Kaleb Donald took away \$250 for joint top science fair exhibit for years 9-11 and the statistics prize for their entry exhibit 'CPR' which looked at how long could a person keep someone alive using CPR. It was a well thought out project which had some statistical analysis.

The overall best technology exhibit and overall best exhibit in the Fair was won by Sam Lee (pictured below). He had an amazing exhibit which exemplified the thought processes involved in making a dust extractor for wood burner flues to reduce pollution in Marlborough. At every stage Sam had thought out the problem, how to solve it, how to build the prototype and then test it. It was a remarkable exhibit and means that Sam takes away \$1500.

For those who want a chance at winning prizes in next year's fair key pointers are:

Keep a detailed log book over the course of the project. You need to talk about your thought processes and ideas to the judges. A good log book makes it very easy. Start sooner rather than later. Over the summer holiday, you may have time to carry out some experiments. Get help from parents and friends. You don't have to know everything and for some aspects, you will need adult help (e.g. to test electric circuits, etc.).

Congratulations to all of the entrants who won a prize: Ben Alexander & Bronson Skipper, Kaleb Donald & Alex Gasson, Sam Lee, Travis Bryden, Ben Jarvis, Harry Jackson and Aaron Lambert, Hunter Davies, Jack Winstanley and Finlay Gilmour and Luke Simpson- Dr Attridge



## Senior Philosophy Conference / University of Canterbury visit

### ◆ Report from Thomas Trollope

On 7 August we (Thomas Trollope, Jack Topliss, Sam Archie and Mark Makin) competed in the New Zealand Next Top Engineering Scientist Competition. At 9am we were given the challenge of determining the fastest possible time for a person to swim (freestyle) 100m at an Olympic event. Whilst this problem had simple origins as we could have just googled the answer; throughout the first few hours we developed our perspective on the problem and assumptions to create a task that required both hard work and critical thinking. We used physics and calculus extensively but also teamwork and communication were incredibly important to our success in tackling this engaging problem. The day was full of laughs thanks to Jack and despite being disrupted by a fire alarm caused by a rugby team (typical) we were able to finish the problem and conclude that a hybrid fish-man enhanced version of Michael Phelps was able to complete the event in 36.49298551s. We as a group would have gone insane much before 6pm if it were not for the continual help and support of Miss Ward and Miss McLeod's pikelets and jam were essential for keeping us going through our rough patches when we were braindead.



## Junior Philosophy Conference

An energised and creative group of minds from year 9 and 10 attended the Top of The South Junior Philosophy Conference in Nelson this term. The Conference looked at the teachings of Aristotle and Plato at the start and then launched into the realms of Quantum mechanics.

The afternoon session ran seamlessly from "The concept of justice" and the need for animal rights in society.

The Conference was ran by two Oxford university philosophy lecturers who were very complimentary about our students and stated how a couple were very eloquent as well as logical in their arguments. The Conference was a huge success and a great platform for our students to engage with their intellectual peers.

As a direct result of the day the Junior Philosophy club has been set up and will be trialled next term. This will comprise of students' from both MGC and MBC and will be held at Raupo café.