

# Marlborough Boys' College

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## Term 1 Reflections - Principal - Wayne Hegarty

Nga mihi mahana ki a kotou

It seems such a long time since we welcomed new staff and students at the start of the term.

In NCEA after ongoing improvement in recent years the overall pass rates were lower than in 2014 especially in level 3. However, the level of students achieving Merit and Excellence endorsements continued to rise. We congratulate and acknowledge our students who accomplished Scholarship; Thomas Westend (Painting and Design and Visual Communications), Joshua Price (Biology and Chemistry), George Aitken (Chemistry), Ryan Trotter (Geography), Callum Radford (Design) and Jason Fastier (Painting). Jason was one of only 9 students nationally to achieve an Outstanding Scholarship in Painting.



Adam Rattray (Year 11) and Ma'ara Ave (Year 12) were the top achieving students in their year group in 2015 and were awarded the Leo Trophies. The top academic achievers received academic badges. To receive a Level 1 badge students had to achieve NCEA L1 with Excellence or Merit, or L2, or at least 150 L1+ credits, or at least 60 L2 credits. To receive Level 2 badges students had to achieve Level 2 with Excellence or Merit, or Level 3, or at least 140 L2+ credits, or at least 50 L3 credits. Students achieving academic badges included:

Cameron Alexander, Anaru Anderson, Jacob Anderson, Sam Archie, Riki Baker, Adam Baker, James Bass, Bryce Blackmore, Jack Boon, Mitchell Boyce, Aidan Brown, Daniel Brunel, Nathan Buckley, Callum Caughey, Dallas Church, Liam Clark, Jason Clyde, Alex Connor-McClean, Devon Cook, Harrison Cook, James Croker, Jacob Crosswell, Jack Dalton, Mitchell Daubney, Adam Davidson, Harley Deacon, Matthew Deaker, Caleb Downes, Jordan Gasson, Liam Gee, James Gibney, Alastair Gifford, Joshua Godsiff, Ben Goulton, Christopher Grammer, Lachie Gray-van der Geest, Itrau Hall, Ryan Harris, Samuel Hayman, Braden Healy, Lucas Hippolite, Anton Horton, Daniel Hurley, Tom Hyland, Taran Jennison, Hamish Johl, Declan Jones, Matthew Jones, David Judd, Alexander Kennedy, George Kennington, Josh Kenny, Phathisa Khumalo, Nathanael Lane, Reuben Langford, Jack Lankshear, William Leov, Jackson Lock, Trvae Lucas-Duffy, Josh Ludemann, Harry MacDonald, Mark Makin, Lukas Martin, Nick Martin, Theo Martin-Babin, George Mason, Galen McGinlay, Ollie McKenzie, Harry McLauchlan, Taylor McNeill, Jack McRae, Joe McSorley, Imran Merchant, Esafe Moli, A-J Monk, Anzac Morel, Zac Mortimer, Benjamin Murphy, Heath Murphy, Joseph Neil, Hunter Nicholls, Ben Parsons, Andrew Pearce, Christopher Perrin, Benjamin Pope, Jack Pope, Dylan Pope, Joe Potter, Isaac Powell, Jack Rainbird, Jamie Reid, Jed Ridgway, Seth Robinson, Logan Robinson, Liam Roughan, Oliver Roughan, Leon Rowe, Tim Ryan, James Schofield, Liam Sluiter, Connor Staples, Campbell Stevens, Soren Subritzky, Rory Taylor, Joshua Thomas, Jack Topliss, Tom Trollope, Quinn Udy, Lance van Angeren, Gareth Wadsworth, Bjorn Waechter, Jack Warburton, Samuel Webber, Elijah Wegener, Patrick Williams, Houta Wilson, Louis Woollcombe, Kelly Wybourne, Liam Young, George Young.

Our leadership groups have continued to flourish with support from the Old Boys' Association. Head Boy (Ma'ara Ave) and Deputy Head Boy (Theo Martin-Babin) and their prefect group has made a very positive start in their roles. Prefects supporting Ma'ara and Theo in 2016 are Jacob Anderson, Adam Baker, Hadley Buckley, Nathan Buckley, James Croker, Cameron Donald, Quinn Harrison-Jones, Reuben Hill, Elliot Hunt, Taran Jennison, Jack Lankshear, Mark Makin, Angus McFarlane, Samiuela Moli, Jack Rainbird, Tim Ryan, Nicholas Stanton and George Young.

### 2016 TERM DATES

- Term 2 2 May—8 July  
Term 3 25 July— 23 September  
Term 4 10 October—14 December

### Term 2 Important Dates

- 5 May Waimea Exchange  
23-24 May Shirley Exchange (in Christchurch)  
25 May Work Day  
2 June Nelson Exchange  
2 June Board of Trustees Election  
3 June Teacher Only Day  
6 June Queens Birthday  
20 June Careers Expo  
21 June Waimea Exchange  
22 June Y9-Y13 Conference Day  
22-28 June Options Expo in Hall  
27 June-1 July Top Art in Hall  
28 June-Yr 9-Y13 Conference Day  
29 June-2 July Junior Production



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We welcomed a new group of international students this year from a variety of countries.

We were very encouraged by comments received during the Education Review Office (ERO) visit this term. The team were very complimentary of the many projects that had been introduced in support of student achievement.

Term 1 was a challenging term for us staffing wise following the late 2015 resignations of Peter Sutton after 16 years' dedicated service as Head of Science and Barry Stevenson as Teacher in Charge of Accounting and Economics. This term we also had three staff on long term sick leave and had 7 staff appointed to roles in the Blenheim Community of Schools (BCOS) project. We staffed all classes except for accounting at level 3 and economics/accounting at level 1. Students in these classes were supervised in correspondence programmes. The following staff end contracts at the end of term and I thank them for their contribution to our college; Amanda Croall, Roz Freeth, Guy Ferguson and Toni Natapu. We made some significant appointments during the term and I congratulate the following staff on their appointment; Dr Eliot Attridge (HoF Science), Radka McKendry (Assistant HoF Science), Matt Clark (Acting HoF Social Science) and Jenny Oliver (English). We have re-advertised both nationally and internationally for an Accounting teacher who can teach at level 3. In term 2 accounting students at level 3 will remain on correspondence.

Now that most vacancies have been filled and two of the three staff on sick leave have returned we have had to make a large number of changes in the timetable. These changes will affect a large number of Year 9 and 10 students and a smaller number of senior students. All Year 9 and 10 students will be given a new timetable at the start of term 2. Senior students will be advised on a class by class basis. **It is unfortunate that we have had this disruption that was beyond our control and we hope that you will encourage your son's to take a positive approach to the changes.**

We are excited to be involved in the strong Blenheim Community of Schools (BCOS) Project along with MCG, Bohally and 19 primary schools. Chris Grage and Rachel Climo have been appointed to Across School's roles in the project and we congratulate them on this. See page 8 or more information on the BCOS.

During the term, two meetings have been held with Ministry of Education officials regarding next steps in the new school's proposal. What was discussed at the meetings are highlighted in the [first newsletter](#) on the new schools' project which is attached.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school this term.

Wayne Hegarty

Principal

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Report from Sturrock Saunders

It is with great pride that I have been elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Marlborough Boys' College. Tony De Reeper (former Chairman) has done a fantastic job of not only building governance capacity and supporting an enriched College culture, but is also ensuring that the indebtedness that has burdened our college was extinguished. Around the Board table we not only have a diverse range of experience and skills, but also a common interest prevails, which is to ensure your son gets a quality education in a stimulating environment.

The Education Review Office (ERO) have just completed a review of Marlborough Boys' College and we are pleased with the initial feedback, and look forward to implementing constructive suggestions, and enhancing what we do well now.

Both Colleges' Principals and Board Chairs are soon to undertake a tour of schools in Christchurch along with Ministry of Education staff to observe co-location in practice to gain a preliminary understanding of a myriad of issues including management and governance. Teachers from both Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges will also be observing some North Island modern learning environments with the aim of looking at what impact building design can have on learning outcomes. Community consultation will continue soon.

Sturrock Saunders  
Board Chairman

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2016

Call for nominations by	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Nominations close noon	Thursday 19 May 2016
Close poll election day noon	Thursday 2 June 2016
Board takes office	Thursday 9 June 2016



## Wanted Homestay Families for International Exchange Term 3

MBC is delighted to again be hosting 38 students from Jissen Gakuen High School, Tokyo, Japan in Term 3, **31 August – 7 September**. We need Year 9 and 10 homestay families to host these boys. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of our cultural exchange which has been operating very successfully since 1992. Students will have a structured programme during the school day. On the weekend they would share the normal family weekend activities.

A financial contribution to costs of \$235 per student is paid to homestay families for expenses incurred. If you can provide a welcoming home and an experience of New Zealand culture we would very much appreciate hearing from you. Contact Maree Buutveld, [Mareeb@mbc.school.nz](mailto:Mareeb@mbc.school.nz), 03 578 0119 ext 2106

## ATTENDANCE

### A medical certificate may be required for extended medical absences.

Parents/caregivers who wish to remove students from school for a period of time must obtain permission from the Principal in writing, prior to the extended planned absence. We also have a prearranged absence form available on our website: under Student Support / Forms and Passwords/Planned Absence Notification. This is especially important for NCEA courses, because the New Zealand Qualifications Authority requires full attendance for course completion. It should be noted that students who are absent from aspects of Unit Standards courses, or assessment tasks for internally assessed credits, **cannot** be given estimated grades.

The school uses txtstream to inform you if your son/ward is marked absent period 1 (or his first class of the day). You will receive a text/email informing you of this. We request that you reply to this text. Any queries please ring the school 578 0119 and speak to the Attendance Officer, Dean or your son's Form Teacher.

### Students Leaving School During the Day -Signing Out/Signing In

Students in Years 9 to 11 are expected to stay on the school grounds unless they have signed out through the Deanery or have a lunch pass. If a student needs to leave school during the day he must complete the "**Signing Out Book**" at the Deanery. Year 12 students must do the same but do not need to have a pass for lunch.

Reasons for leaving school during the day may take the form of a phone message from the parent/caregiver or a note signed by the parent/caregiver, prior to the student leaving for his appointment. In either case please give the estimated time away from school. Students without the above will not be allowed to leave school. Students on their return from an appointment must **SIGN BACK IN**. This is an important and obvious safety issue, as we need to know where your son/ward is during school hours.

### Late to School

It is important that your son arrives at school by 8.45am for an 8.50am start each day. (Thursday 9.45am if your son/ward is Y10-13). If your son/ward is **Late** to school he must complete a check-in note at the Deanery on his first arrival at school regardless of the time. Students with an explanatory note should produce this at their time of arrival at the Deanery. Parents/caregivers can leave a prior message on the College attendance answer-phone. Students who do not produce an excused note for their lateness will be regarded as truant.

### Sickness while at school

If your son/ward is unwell they must **first** report to the front office and must **not** leave the school grounds without permission. The Front Office will contact his parent/caregiver if this is required.

The Front Office stocks limited supplies of pain relief and antihistamines for emergencies only. Students who require medication should bring a clearly labelled supply and leave it at the Front Office.

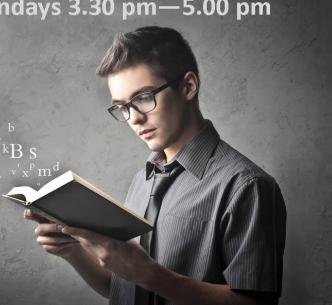
Parents must be contacted when a student requests medication of any sort, whether it is held by us on their behalf or is part of the College supplies unless prior authorisation has been given by a parent/caregiver.



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**Academic Prefects and Teaching Staff are available in the library for tutoring .**

**Homework Club**  
**Mondays 3.30 pm—5.00 pm**



**Pasifika Homework Club**  
**Combined MGC & MBC**  
**Mondays 5.00pm—7.00pm**

**For more information see Mrs Climo**



### Library Hours

**Monday 8.30 am till 5.00 pm**

Tutors and Academic prefects available for assistance

3.30 pm till 5.00 pm

Pasifika homework club

5.00 pm till 7.00 pm

**Tuesday – Friday**

8.30 am – 3.30 pm

**CLOSED** every interval

**OPEN** every Lunchtime

1.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Photocopying, printing and laminating available for a minimal fee

Computers available for school/study work

### CONFERENCE DAYS

#### Parent / Student & Teacher Meetings

On 22 and 28 June (week 8/9 of Term 2) we have scheduled a Parent / Teacher /Student Conference Day where the progress of students can be ascertained and goals for the remainder of the year set. There will be no formal school lessons on this day but our expectation is that parents will attend these important interviews along with their sons who will be in school uniform.

All parents will receive a letter by email or post explaining the appointment booking process.

### Work Day

2016 Work Day scheduled for Wednesday 25 May 2016. Work Day provides funds to the Student Council to support student initiated projects.



## SPORTS REPORT

Term 1 has come and gone with its usual hectic schedule of sporting events including Swimming sports, Athletic championships, Cross country, Nelson summer exchange, regional champs for Mountain Biking, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Athletics, Cricket and Touch, as well as tournament week.

Tournament week was the culmination of the summer secondary school's sports season. We had several codes competing.

Our **SOFTBALL** team competed at nationals in Hastings. They finished a credible 6th place and Ethan Jones was selected in the tournament team.

The Senior **VOLLEYBALL** team finished 14th in division 2 at the national tournament in Palmerston North. Standout performers were Theo Martin-Babin, Nigel Satherly, Luke Kenyon, Hunter Nicholls and Tom Trollope.

Our **SAILING** team competed in the Top of the South Sailing Regatta in Nelson. In very light and difficult conditions the team finished second. This regatta was great preparation for the upcoming nationals at Algies Bay north of Auckland in the holidays.

In Queenstown we had some boys competing in the South Island **TRIATHLON** champs. The results were as follows: Fergus Greer 2nd U13 Boys, Connor Guillemot 20th U16 Boys, Jacob Babb 33rd U16 Boys, James Greer 37th U16 Boys, Chris Grammer 20th U19 Boys. The team of Fergus Greer, Connor Guillemot, Jacob Babb finished 9th in the U16 grade.

In **TOUCH** at the South Islands in Christchurch our team finished 10th. Of the games they lost they were all only by 1 point. Thomas Downes and Keelan Murrell were selected for the NZ U15 team.

In **MOUNTAIN BIKING** our boys came away with success at the regional champs. In the U19 George Kennington finished 6th in Cross Country, 2nd in down hill and 2nd overall. Connor McLeod was 2nd in Cross Country. Joel Madsen Clarke won the U16 cross country race with Zahkahn Beamsley finishing 4th. In U14 Fergus Greer finished 2nd in cross country and 3rd overall. Nate Shipley was 7th equal in cross country and 6th overall.

In **ATHLETICS** Alex Dawson and Max Cavill-Sheriff travelled to Timaru for the South Island Secondary Schools athletic champs. Alex finished 3rd in the 100m and Max 12th in the 200m.

In **ROWING** our boys once again distinguished themselves with some great results at the Maadi Cup in Twizel. A great effort by this dedicated crew of rowers, coaches and parents.

### Finals results

Under-17 single (Callum Barker) 5th in B final

Under-18 pair (Jordan Gasson, Cameron Donald) 1st in A final GOLD

Under-18 pair (Robson Davies, Angus McFarlane) 5th in A final

Under-15 eight (Finn Southey, Kris Godsall, Kobe Miller, Hunter Davies, Ethan Alderlieste, Barnaby McFarlane, Travis Brydon, Damien Tuhura, Andy Register) 5th in A final

Under-18 coxed four (Gasson, Donald, McFarlane, Davies, Breydon Gallon) 2nd in A final SILVER

Under-15 coxed quad (Southey, Davies, Miller, Godsall, Register) 2nd in A final SILVER

Under-18 lightweight double (Gasson, Jordan Hicks) 5th in A final

Under-17 coxed quad (Hicks, Barker, Alex Murdoch, Andre Salvador, Gallon) 7th in B final

Under-15 octuple sculls (Southey, Godsall, Miller, Davies, Alderlieste, Lachlan Stevens, McFarlane, Brydon, Register) 5th in A final.

Cameron Donald and Jordan Gasson were selected for the NZ trials; a great effort.

### TERM 2

Term 2 signals the start of winter sports and the "exchange season" with traditional exchanges against Shirley Boys (23/24 May in Christchurch), Nelson Boys on the 2 June, and Waimea on the 20 June. Our 1st XV rugby team and the 1st XI Hockey team compete in their regular competitions each week. Please encourage your sons to get involved.

A big thank you to all players, coaches, managers, staff and parents for their assistance with summer codes this year. Without your time and efforts sport would not be able to operate.

Mr Gray Cornelius  
Teacher in Charge of Sport



Jack Dalton on the cross country track



Finlay Gilmore on the cross country track



U18 pair—Jordan Gasson and Cameron Donald, first in A Final



U17 coxed quad—Jordan Hicks, Callum Barker, Andre Salvador, Alex Murdoch

## Tasman Athletic Championships.

A twenty four man team attended the Tasman Athletic Champs in March. It was a blustery and wet day in Nelson and difficult for the athletes to perform. Even so many athletes produced personal bests and nine qualified for the South Island Champs which are held in Timaru this year. To do this the athletes had to finish in the top two of their event. Qualifiers were as follows:

### Under 16

Sione Lonitenisi Discus 2<sup>nd</sup>

Shot 3rd ( Missed 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 2cm)

Tama Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Triple Jump 2<sup>nd</sup>

High Jump 2<sup>nd</sup> ( beat personal best by 18 cm)

Long Jump 4<sup>th</sup>

Alex Dawson 1<sup>st</sup> 100m

### Under 15

Lotu Solomona Triple Jump 1<sup>st</sup>

George Varney 3000m 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jacob Babb 1500m 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joseph Brookes 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Under 14

Max Cavill- Sheriff Long Jump 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monu Moli Discus 2<sup>nd</sup>



Lotu Solomona winning the U14 triple jump

## CAREERS EVENING

**MONDAY 20 JUNE 2016**

**MARLBOROUGH LINES STADIUM**

**7.00 PM TO 9.00 PM**

The annual Marlborough Careers Evening, hosted by Marlborough Boys' College, will be held on Monday 20 June.

The event demonstrates our students' commitment to finding out about possible career and training options.

The training providers that come reflect the wide range of options students have. One section of the Stadium is reserved for Industry Training Organisations. This group is becoming increasingly more involved with providing courses for Secondary Schools as the Vocational Pathways become more developed. Students will be able to see the link between what they learn at school and industry.



We also have the universities, polytechnics and private training providers. Students have a wide range of choice when it comes to Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses.

## CAREER BUS

We were fortunate to have Peter and Donna Doake with the Mike Pero Inzone bus in school. All year 10 Social Studies students visited the bus. Before they had a chance to try out the computers on the bus, Peter spoke about his career and how to make the most of the opportunities that came along. As with Mike Pero, Peter Doake had a long association with Motor Racing. He has now retired and, as a way to give back to the Community, he and his wife travel around New Zealand Secondary Schools promoting Career education. If there are any questions or issues that have arisen from these talks or if you require more information please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Department.



## MATHEMATICS NEWS

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 the boys to improve on their mathematical skills in a fun and challenging way. Of the 77 boys participating, nearly all of them are getting well over 50% in their accuracy results which is fantastic. Most of them have started to earn coins which translate into Ara Tika dollars. If the boys login 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.

## MBC Good Sorts

Paul Robb, a staff member at CYFs dropped his company car keys while biking to work. A MBC student found the keys and took them to Wadsco where they were able to identify the owner. Paul was overwhelmed that a student had had the sense to take the keys to Wadsco and that simple act had saved him so much time, effort and money (approximately \$500) trying to replace the keys."

*"I travelled home on the afternoon sailing of Bluebridge yesterday with a number of school students. I just wanted to say how impressed I was with their dress and with them as a group in general. What a fine group of young men! I felt I should at least take the time to wish them all the very best for their futures. With young men like these moving forward then our country is in very safe hands."*

## PED 300—Molesworth Cycling Adventure

The annual Molesworth and Rainbow Station mountain bike ride took place at the beginning of March. Due to the state of the Rainbow road this year only a small section was completed with the students having to detour to the top of Hanmer before re-tracing their steps back along the Molesworth Station. The students completed the cycle tour carrying all their gear from tents to food and clothes and it is a total self sufficient tour. A support vehicle follows the tour in case of emergency but the students are responsible for maintaining their bikes and dealing with mishaps along the way.

The weather was kind this year. On arrival in the evening we camped in 120km/hr winds and although only one tent blew over the winds had died down for the first morning on the bike. Two of the days were overcast with the third reaching 33 degrees. No rain fell and although on the last day 40 km was into a head wind, a change of wind direction saw the group blown home to the welcome site of Cob Cottage.

As usual the boys were tested and many were out of their comfort zone but the students can feel proud of their sense of achievement and stoic approach to the cycle tour. The group remained organised and respectful of the pristine environment and showed team work and responsibility throughout.



## ARTS NEWS

It is good to report that a number of programs that are available to MBC students interested in the performing arts are up and running.

This year's Combined College's Production, *Hairspray*, is being produced by MGC's Denise Moran. It has been cast, rehearsals are already underway and it is due to hit the boards at the new theatre 3-6 August. It is wonderful to see 25 of our students among the acting numbers and we already have many more lined up for roles backstage or in the band.

*Stop the Chop*, an original script by director Kris Hudson is the Junior Production and is due for performance at Blenheim Musical Theatre 29 June – 2 July. Roles have been allocated and rehearsals started in Week 9. A number of very enthusiastic students turned up for auditions and it promises to be a fun show. 16 boys are involved in the cast so far, with others keen to help backstage.

Musically, we are as involved as ever. *Show Case*, a celebration of talent in the Marlborough Region was held 31 March - 3 April in the new ASB theatre. Members of the Jazz Band, and the Jazz Combo represented us there. (A number of our talented staff members were also to be seen as part of that concert!) Our senior choir, *No Girls Aloud* are into a busy rehearsal regime as they work their way to performing at the official opening of the new theatre in early May – a real honour – and also to competing in *The Big Sing*, a nationwide competition, which initially features secondary school choirs from the top of the south. This festival of young talent is scheduled for 22 June and will also be held at the new theatre. This year a Junior choir has been started with the aim of building a base of talent to feed into the senior group. As yet numbers are small, but enthusiastic. We are hoping Spencer Kingi singing to the boys with our Senior Choir at our last school assembly will motivate students to join the choir.

Recently a large group of students from our Pasifika group travelled to Christchurch to attend Polyfest. These boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are keen to have them performing to our local public. Watch this space!

It is wonderful to see that so many of our current and recently "ex" students are making names for themselves in the Arts community here in Marlborough and further afield. An interest in and success in the Performing Arts often begins with joining other like-minded people at College and making the most of the chances that open up.

Cast Members of 'Stop the Chop', from left to right Millie Wensley, George Glover, Damon Hiscock, Max Cavill-Sheriff, Dan McKeown and Sydnee Acraman



## Special Olympic Secondary Schools Swimming

Marlborough Boys' College's 7-strong Special Olympics swimming squad had a "great day" in Nelson on Wednesday 16 March. We competed against other schools from the top of the South and all our boys performed well in their events. We had a couple of really exciting finishes. We had Josh from Waimea swim for us in the 4x 25metre freestyle relay.



This is the relay team of Cameron Rowe, Jack Boyce, Rorie Kearse and Josh from Waimea

## Model UN 2016

Twelve students travelled over to Nayland College in Nelson on 11 April to participate in the Model UN. The Model UN is a simulation of the real UN General Assembly and follows the same protocols and procedures. Each student is given the responsibility of being a delegate from a country and must speak and vote on that country's behalf. This year, there were two main resolutions to debate and vote upon – one on the "Future of Peacekeeping" and one on "Humanitarian Aid". The boys did a lot of work before the event, researching their country's views on these topics and learnt a lot in the process. It was impressive to see our boys standing up on stage in front of around 200 people, proposing and debating amendments to the resolutions.



## Visual Art Department Scholarship Study Tour February 2016

The Art Department organised a three-day study tour at the Branch Hut, for all the potential Excellence/Scholarship students in Design, Painting and Photography. The objective of this tour was to brainstorm ideas and to generate concepts towards External Folio Submissions. This was an experimental trip intended to provide an alternative learning environment to the students that would be different from their regular classroom.

Around 15 students participated in this study tour and the time spent proved to be absolutely valuable and worthwhile as the students are all charged up and being more responsible and committed to their goals. The tour also challenged the students to push their comfort zones and expand on their set boundaries. All the activities planned for the tour were centred around improving skills that fostered advanced thinking, observation, imagination, discipline, creativity, innovation and resilience.

We thank the MCCF for support with this project.



## PATHWAY TO THE PODIUM—ON THE COUCH WITH PARENTS OF ELITE ATHLETES

Interested to know what it takes to raise an elite athlete? Come along to this On the Couch Q&A session and find out about some of the up, downs, challenges and successes that have made up the journey of parenting some of Marlborough's elite athletes.

Kaye Surgenor - Robbie and Karl Manson's mother

Mark Wheeler - Joe and Ben Wheeler's father

Julia Craig - Megan Craig's mother

Alison MacKenzie - Sophie MacKenzie's mother

**When:** Wednesday 13 April, 6:30-8:30pm

**Where:** NMIT campus 85 Budge St

Registrations are essential as the venue has limited space

Register here : [https://www.regonline.com.au/onthecouch\\_1823149](https://www.regonline.com.au/onthecouch_1823149)



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Developing leadership is a core focus for MBC as our young men learn to contribute in meaningful ways to the positive culture of the school. There are Leadership groups for each of the year levels with around 40-50 students. Leadership opportunities this year have involved developing a group of new Peer Supporters, selecting and empowering an MBC Student Council, selecting and inducting the new Marlborough Youth Council, as well as sending many our Year 12 Leaders to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Wellington. Obviously the pinnacle of our leadership programme is selection as senior prefects and we congratulate the following group.

### 2016 Prefects



Photograph supplied by Marlborough Express

We thank the leaders' who organised a well run junior social and those boys who are running the Tuakana Teina programme for year 9 on Thursday period 1.

### Marlborough District Youth Council

Congratulations to Anaru Anderson, Sam Archie, Eddie Ave, Jack Dalton, Campbell Gill, Tom Hyland, Cameron Lyons who are members of the Marlborough District Youth Council.

## International Students

MBC and MGC International students and their host families, joined for a picnic at Whites Bay early in the term. A few hardy students swam and played beach cricket.

A great event and a good way for all international students and host families to meet.

It has been great to see the International students involved in community service projects and participating in arts and sports events for most of the term.



### Dear Parents

The first term has nearly come to an end and the Mathematics Faculty is delighted with the use of the website called "Mathletics." Boys work toward gaining Certificates by earning 1000 points each week. So far we have given out 350 Certificates (230 at Year 9 alone) made up from 645,000 participation points from 483 hours of activity.

In classes that are participating in the Mathletics programme, each boy has been issued with their individual user name and password by their mathematics teacher. Please get your son to share this information with you and keep the password safe – it is valid until end Jan 2017. To follow your son's progress on Mathletics, **register as a parent for free**, by going to the website <http://nz.mathletics.com/parentslogin/>. You will be required to enter your son's username and password in order to gain parental ID and access to the site.

We hope that your son enjoys and benefits from using this website and that you enjoy encouraging him to collect certificates and gold bars along the way. No longer is there an excuse of 'no homework'!

Many thanks for your support. -The Mathematics Faculty.



## 2BCoS Community Meetings

The Government has committed \$359 million to the Investing in Educational Success initiative to support communities of schools throughout New Zealand.

Twenty-one schools including Marlborough Boys' College have agreed to join the Blenheim Community of Schools (2CoS). By sharing resources, expertise, learning programmes and a \$1.8 million investment by the Government in the Blenheim CoS over the next three years, the aim is to improve student engagement and achievement.

This collaborative undertaking is focused on using Modern Learning Practices to address the educational challenges we have identified:

### Literacy and Numeracy – Reaching the standard Underachievement – Reaching Potential

In working on these challenges the Community of Schools will also focus on addressing the well-being issues that impact on engagement and achievement i.e. health, engagement and retention.

We would encourage you to come along and hear Lead Principals Simon Heath (Renwick Primary School) and Karen Stewart (Marlborough Girls' College) talk about this exciting initiative. Three sessions have been organised – choose the session that best suits you to attend

Tuesday 17 May 1.30pm Redwoodtown Hall

Wednesday 18 May 1.30pm St Mary's Hall

Wednesday 18 May 7pm Bohally Intermediate Hall