

Marlborough Boys' College Newsletter



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Term 3 Reflections -Principal - Wayne Hegarty

Term 3 has had many highlights for different groups of boys and this edition of our newsletter bears testimony to many of them. In the arts, Saturday Night Fever, Southern Jam, and Shakespeare performances were outstanding. Sports exchanges and national or regional winter competitions featured strongly for many students. My best wishes to our sailors, our shooters, our mountain bikers and several of our volleyballers who are competing in international, national and regional competitions over the term break. I would like to thank all the people in our community who have supported our students and made the above opportunities possible. I would also like to thank families who supported the Jissen Gakuen visit and the Rotoiti winter camp.

Academically we have received further encouraging new data from the Ministry of Education on academic achievement at MBC. The % of school leavers with level 2 or above has **risen** from 67% in 2009 to 76% in 2014. Statistics for Maori students have risen dramatically and the gap between Maori and the whole population has been greatly reduced. More students are also staying at MBC beyond Level 1. Over the last 5 years the average % of students moving from year 11 to year 12 has been 88%. The average for the preceding 5 year period was 78%. Over the last 5 years the average % of students moving from year 12 to year 13 has been 83%. The average for the preceding 5 year period was 75%.

It has been great to get positive feedback from the community about our students. In recent weeks I have had very positive feedback from members of the public about the presentation and politeness of our students on sports trips. I have also had positive responses from organisations that have been supported by our boys involved in service to community groups.

In the last few weeks of term 3 we have had large staff numbers away with illness, OE camps and sport. At the last assembly I thanked students who in the main got on with life – business (for most) was as usual. Students have also coped well with the building projects in the school. Fire resistance work on the John Stewart block and seismic work on the music block is almost complete. This work is to prevent fire spreading between floors and will result in all buildings in the school being above the minimum MOE building requirements for safety in a fire or earthquake. Again we thank the MOE for supporting extensive health and safety work in what remains a time of uncertainty while we await a future decision on the siting of the two colleges. I have been involved this term in the planning for a Blenheim Community of Schools. For the start of term 4 there will be a governance group elected from school boards, two principal leaders and the planning group of which I am a member. This is a wonderful opportunity to progress the achievement of students at all levels in Marlborough.

Term 3 involved the start of strategic planning for 2016. I thank those people who attended the Strategic Review evening that the Board intend to hold annually. We are reviewing the projects that were funded by community groups and the board to raise academic, cultural and sporting achievement and to offer more opportunities in leadership and are developing action plans and funding proposals in these areas for 2016. We are also currently involved in 2016 staffing deliberations and appointments.

I look forward to celebrating the successes of our students in the various prizegivings in term 4. We are also due a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO).

With portfolios due soon and exams just around the corner, I hope you are having discussions with your son about his aspirations and what he needs to do to academically to “be the best he can be.”

2015 Term Dates

Term 4 12 Oct - 16 Dec

2016 Start Dates

3 February -Years 9 & 13

4 February -Years 9 & 12

5 February -All Years

Term 4 - Key Dates

23 October -Cultural Prize giving

26 October -Labour Day

29 October -Sportsman Of The Year Dinner

2 November -Marlborough Anniversary

4 November -Senior Prize Giving & Last day of Senior Classes

6 November -Year 8 Testing

9 November -NZQA Exams begin

16-20 November -Yr 10 Rotoiti

30 Nov - 4 Dec -Junior Exams

4 December -Last NZQA Exam

4 December -Year 8 Taster Day

14 December - Leavers Function

15 December -Diploma Grad.

16 December -Junior Prize Giving

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Get ready for the big

New Zealand

Shake Out

9.15am 15 October 2015

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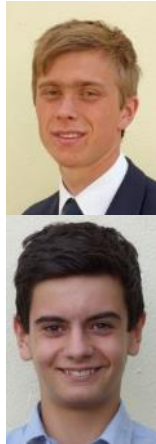


Impromptu Speech Competitions

Senior Winner : Harley Paterson (top right)

Junior Winner: Alexander Gasson (below right)

Thank you to all participants, judges and audience.
Great display of talent through the year levels.
Congratulations to Year Level winners
Year 9 Alexander Gasson 9PU
Year 10 James Gardiner 10WA
Year 11 Chris Grammer 11SN
Year 12 Nathan Buckley 12CK
Year 13 Harley Paterson 13AT



VJ Day Celebration

Ryan Cook singing the national anthem at VJ Day celebrations at Marlborough RSA.

Ryan was asked to sing as a MBC representative. He also stood for the entire service beside John Legget and then lay a wreath with him.



Science Fair

The annual MBC Science Fair took place in weeks 8 and 9 and despite the disruption caused by the temporary closure of the hall 120+ exhibits were crammed into the pavilion and then moved to the hall. From a good selection of creative and innovative science and technology the winners of the MBC Leos Club Science and Technology cup for this year are Andre Salvador and Zachary Douglas. Their exhibit 'Power Plants' investigated the potential for harvesting electrical energy from native and exotic trees.



Following the MBC fair 18 MBC exhibits were entered in the Marlborough Science and Technology Fair, of which 10 won and/or received special prizes. Our top performance came from year 13 brothers Joshua and Nathaniel Price who, with their entry 'Effect of light on Peroxide values of Olive Oil' were overall winners of the fair.

National Nga Manu Kōrero 2015

Taka te hau ki te uru

Taka te hau ki te taonga

Kia makinakina ki uta

Kia matarata ki tai

E hī ake ana te atākura, he tio, he huka, he hauhunga

Haumi e! Hui e! Tāiki e!

10 students from MBC are attending National Manu Kōrero being held in Porirua, on Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September .

This year we are celebrating 50 years of the Te Reo Māori Speech Competitions and there has been a huge amount of work going on to make this year's competition very special. Te Kura Māori o Porirua is hosting this year's event and I am sure that they will have some exciting things happening for their visitors.

Our students will experience some very unique celebrations this week plus the speech competitions between all students competing.

Our students will have an insight of how high the quality of Te Reo is. We are staying at Te Whanau Tahī Marae which is situated on Naenae College.

We will be looked after by one of our ex -MBC teachers and students Geoff Meadows.

Noreira ki a koutou katoa ngā Kaiako, ngā Mātua, Kuia mā, Koro mā noho ora mai i roto i o koutou kainga mahana.

Ngā mihi

Whaea Helen



Gifted and Talented Psychology Conference

A group of students from MBC went over to Waimea College to take part in the Psychology Conference and it was a great experience. Many of the Year 9 pupils who attended the gathering had not covered the topic of Psychology making it an exciting and interesting learning experience. Throughout the day, Marlborough Boys' students participated in a variety of academic and psychological activities meaning we communicated and used our intellect with fellow like minded students participating in the conference.

Overall, the gathering was a fascinating and enjoyable experience. All that were involved learned numerous amounts of information on this unique topic. *By Felix Jackson (Year 9 Student)*



July Parent Survey

Thanks to those who took the time to complete our recent Parent Survey. We received lots of very valuable feedback about how we can continue to improve Marlborough Boys' College.

A significant number of parents identified developing the effective use of student owned devices to support learning as a priority. This feedback was very timely as we are currently developing our strategic vision for the next three years to ensure that we can maximise the opportunities that technology can bring to learning and engagement at MBC. More information about our e-learning strategy will be shared with all families early in Term 4.

Lots of feedback was also received around communication. A number of families are pleased with the increased email communication from teachers and opportunities to access student attendance and achievement data (as well as the daily notices) in real time through the parent portal.

Some parents identified that relying on their son to pass on messages about significant occurrences did not always result in the information being relayed. As a result, events that are not identified in advance via the "key dates" section of the newsletter will also be communicated via (e)mail.

Students not always showing pride in their uniform was also identified. We have worked hard throughout term 3 ensuring all boys are able to wear the full school uniform with opportunities to set up automatic payments to pay for items that families were not able to purchase immediately.

Please feel free to communicate feedback at any time via email office@mbc.school.nz or by phone 5780119.

Old Boy Accolade -Project S.A.M.

Former dux Jared Buckley is in a team of media professionals who recently won \$20,000 in a Dragon's den format competition. Their pitch was for Project Sam. Sam is an acronym for Stories, Advice and Memories, and the team will record elderly people's reflection on life's experiences.



Queen Charlotte College

50th Jubilee Reunion

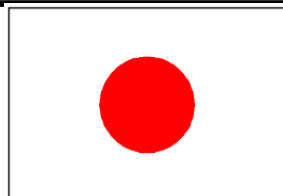
The QCC 50th Reunion is nearly here. October 30th – November 1st!!

Make contact with your generation, and maximise this (possibly) once in a lifetime opportunity to gather, catch up and reminisce. For further information, check the QCC webpage, or QCC 50th Reunion on Facebook. You are also welcome to contact Kay Severne on 5736558, at the College.



Ota Scholarship

Dates have now been confirmed and are 14 – 24 January 2016 and students who are in Year 9 and 10 this year are eligible.



Two students from Marlborough Boys' College and two from Marlborough Girls' College accompanied by a teacher from MBC will attend Jissen Gakuen school.

The scholarship covers air fares and MBC will provide funds to cover costs of accommodation and train travel from and to Narita. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced at the Junior Prizegiving. Information and application forms are available from the International Office and the Attendance Office.

2015 Shakeout 15th October

We will observe the shakeout as a school on the 15th October but due to the late start for some of our students this will happen at 10:50. At this time we will be doing some work with students on being prepared for an earthquake which will involve conversations at home about the family plan in the event of a major earthquake.



MBC PTA Uniform Shop Trade - In Day

Tuesday 24th November from 3pm till 6pm.

There will be **no** sales on this day it is for trade - ins only .

Supporting success in your school.

For new ASB home loans over \$150,000 drawn down before 31 December 2015, ASB will donate:

\$500 cash to participating schools.

To take up this offer you must be a parent, staff or member of the participating school. ASB's lending criteria, terms and conditions apply. 20% equity is required in the security property. Other terms apply. Fees may apply. For Ts & Cs and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking. Offer ends 31 December 2015.

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Careers and Transition News

GATEWAY

Gateway is progressing well, and we are very pleased with the students who have been selected and the commitment they have made in their work place. It includes Years 12 and 13 students who work one day a week in a job of their choice. They have to achieve 20 credits in a qualification assessed by industry assessors in the work place. These credits can contribute to their NCEA as well as the industry qualifications. So far five students have left to take up apprenticeship opportunities.

Students who are interested in applying for Gateway in 2016 should pick up an application form from the Careers Office.

TRADES ACADEMY

In Term 3, eight students went out on a Thursday to get some hands on experience in either Aviation or Automotive engineering. Three students participated in the Whenua-iti Outdoors Adventure Tourism Leadership Block Course where they got the opportunity to experience rock climbing, caving, sea kayaking and mountain biking. Three students did the Maanaki Tapoi (Cultural Tourism) Block Course where students learnt about cultural heritage and tourism career opportunities.

Students who are interested in applying for Trades Academy 2016 can register their interest with Mrs Matthews in the Careers Office.

CAREERS

This is a busy time of the year and it is important for students to be well organised.

Leaving School to Employment

If your son is intending to leave school at the end of the year he should be planning now. He will need a C.V. and for some jobs, a driver's licence. A good idea is to type up a C.V. and use the holidays at the end of term to leave copies with potential employers.

Tips for Job Interview

Do shower, dress up and smile.

Do some homework about the firm and what they do or produce.

Do arrive on time or a little early.

Do greet with a firm hand shake and good eye contact.

Do stand until invited to sit.

Do listen carefully and give relevant answers.

Do show enthusiasm. Be keen and interested.

Do be honest and answer questions truthfully.

Do ask about future prospects, training and promotion.

Do say thank you at the end and ask when you might hear the outcome.

Don't arrive late.

Don't tell fibs or exaggerate.

Don't ramble on with your answers. Keep to the point.

Don't slouch in your seat, chew gum or wear a cap inside.

Don't ask about time off, your next holidays, perks or staff discounts.

Don't just give yes or no answers. If you don't talk you may as well walk away.

Don't speak negatively about your school experience, other employers you have worked for or applied to for jobs.



Leaving to go to a Polytechnic

The decision about which Polytechnic and the course students want to enrol in should have been made by now. Most applications are done online. Students must check the entry criteria. Some Polytechnics have accommodation options. Students need to apply now for next year.

Leaving to go to a University

Application for Halls of Residence at Universities

The final date is 1 October.

All students should have completed their on line applications by now. The school has completed all Confidential Referees Reports requested by the universities.

Notification of a place in a Hall will come by email. Please have the deposit ready to pay.

Course Planning

We have arranged for the university liaison people to visit the school to assist with course planning on the following dates.

Canterbury 14 October

Otago 15 October

Victoria 16 October

The Careers Adviser will arrange an appointment for your son. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Scholarships and Funding Marlborough Boys' College Scholarships

These are funded by bequests to the College and are awarded at prize-giving. Completed applications should have been handed into the Careers Office at the end of Term 3.

Other Scholarships

These are funded by bequests or the universities themselves. There are hundreds of these but many are only available at a particular university or for a particular course. Students need to research these themselves on line and make special note of the various closing dates. Next time you are in the Blenheim Library, look up the NZ Scholarships database called "givMe". If you can access the Library remotely, this database can also be accessed.



TERM 3 SPORTS ROUNDUP

Winter sports have now drawn to a conclusion as term 3 ends. Many students have been involved in a variety of sporting pursuits over the last term which concluded in tournament week at the start of September.

Earlier in the term several teams travelled south to **St Bede's** in August for the annual exchange and once again the honours were shared overall with some tight battles. It's great that these traditional exchanges can still happen and its fantastic that 100 or so boys can head down the road and get billeted by another school and gain all the valuable experiences and life skills that this provides. The **1stXV Rugby Team** concluded their season which ended in a mid-table finish for a young side. Overall the team had 7 wins, 6 losses, and 1 draw. **Isaiah Miller** and **Sam Moli** were selected in the Crusaders Secondary Schools team.

Quinn Udy travelled to Australia to compete for New Zealand at squash. The team (managed by **Miss Dann**) had some outstanding results, dominating the opposition and Quinn won 8/10 of his matches.

At tournament week our **1stXI Football** team competed in the tough National Premier League tournament which was held over in Nelson. The team finished 30th overall with **Nic Stanton** and **Bjorn Waechter** the standout performers.

Our **1stXI Hockey team** were in Gore and ended up in 7th spot after some close games. Standout players included **Thomas Westend, Jack Boon, Eli Kepes, Anata Iraia, Hunter Davies and Travis Brydon**.

In Christchurch the **Under 15 Rugby** team finished 5th equal at the South Island tournament. **Jaydyn Holdaway, Jack Shadbolt and Ethan Bayly** made key contributions.

Junior Basketball were over in Nelson and had a tough tournament winning 1 out of 6 games in a very competitive environment. Over the holidays we still have some codes competing. The **Mountain Bike Team** are heading south to Dunedin to compete at the nationals and our **Shooting team** is also heading to Wellington to compete. Our **Sailing Team** (as a result of their 3rd place at Nationals earlier in the year) are off to Australia to compete as part of a New Zealand contingent. This team (and parents) have worked hard on and off the water to make this trip a success. The team is:

ALASTAIR GIFFORD, TOBY GREGORY, HAMISH CLARK, IOLO ADAMS, NIC GARDINER, JAKE MORRIS, NICK WILLIAMS AND CALLUM RADFORD.

In **Volleyball** we have some boys competing for the South Island at age group level - **Cameron Alexander, Jack Pope, and Hunter Nicholls**. Also **Toby Hogg** is in the Junior Men's Volleyball team which is off to compete on the Gold Coast. This is a great achievement by Toby who will be one of the younger members of this team.

Thomas Westend was selected for the NZ Age Group team to compete in the **World Duathlon Champs** in Adelaide in October. A fantastic effort and opportunity for Thomas and we wish him luck.

It's great to see so many of our young sportsmen excelling on the national stage.

Sportsman's Dinner 2015

This annual event is being held at the **Clubs of Marlborough on the 29th October**. It is a celebration of the boy's success in the sport for the year and is a great evening for all involved. Prize winners will receive a letter in the mail and tickets can be purchased at the schools finance office (\$45.00 including a 3 course meal and guest speaker). Tickets are limited, so get in fast to secure a seat and enjoy the evening. Nominations for Sports Team and Sportsman can be made by e-mail to the teacher in charge of Sport (grayc@mbc.school.nz). We also like to recognise any student who has represented New Zealand during the year. Please forward any names of boys who have done this so we can be accurate with our awards.

Term 4 Sport

Term 4 events include 7's rugby, 1stXI Cricket are off to the Willows, Junior Volleyball, Touch and Cricket as well as the school Tennis Champs. The rowers will be kicking into gear and novice rowers will get the opportunity to experience rowing. Looking forward to getting on the sun block and enjoying the start of summer sport!

Mr G. Cornelius

Teacher in Charge of Sport



Sailing Team

NZ Secondary Schools Squash Team



Quinn Udy in action in Australia (Aug) playing for the NZ Secondary Schools Squash Team. This photo is from the test match against Australia. Quinn is ranked number 3 in NZ juniors in the Under 17 age group and would be placed at number 5 in the Under 19 age group if he was able to hold a ranking there. He is in a squad of boys trying to make the top 5 players for the NZ Team for the Junior Worlds Tournament which is held next year. That selection will be made next April.



MBC Sportsman of The Year Nominations 2015

The MBC annual Sportsman of the Year dinner is once again to be held at the Clubs of Marlborough on Thursday 29th October. This event is a celebration of the sporting achievements of the boys over the last 12 months. Among the various sporting awards that are handed out there are 2 prestigious awards that require nominations to be made – they are the **SPORTSTEAM OF THE YEAR** and the **SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**.

Nominations are invited for both these categories. From these nominations finalists will be selected and the overall winners announced on the night. Anyone can nominate a team or an individual all they have to do is send an email to the Teacher in Charge of Sport and outline the following details:

The name of the Team/Individual.

Provide a brief outline their achievements over the last 12 months.

Provide contact details for future reference if required.

Please note that for a team or an individual to be nominated for these awards they must have competed for the school. Nominees can also only be nominated for 1 sport – if they have achieved in more than one sport they can be nominated separately for each sport.

Please forward any nominations to grayc@mbc.school.nz.

Tickets can be purchased from the schools finance office.

Tickets are limited – so first in first served. All prize winners will be notified in the post or via e mail.

Gray Cornelius

Teacher in Charge of Sport Marlborough Boys' College.

Special Olympic Basketball

On the 26th of August a team of 6 boys (Josh Cooke, Rorie Kearse, Jack Boyce, Juan Pilapil, Tyrone Emmerson and Cameron Rowe) travelled to the Saxton Stadium in Nelson to compete in the Top of the South Secondary School Special Olympic Basketball competition. The boys first activity was the dribbling and shooting goals skills. Then it was the round robin basketball games. Our boys performed very well in the skills section. They then played 3 games and they all participated well. Congratulations to Tyrone for being such a tireless and enthusiastic player for his first year. Well done to Cameron Rowe for being a great team captain and a good sport. Special thanks to Kai Hecke the team coach and to Dorothy Boyce, and Don Peter for their assistance and support during the day.

Teacher in charge: Ann McNicholl



Rorie Kearse, Tyrone Emmerson, Cameron Rowe, Juan Pilapil, Jack Boyce, Josh Cooke

Hockey Report from Tournament

Gore! Staying in Matura! The boys' reaction was not great to travelling south for Tournament week. However it lived up to expectation and we saw the sun one day and there was sleet in the rain on our last day. The boys had a great time but the results weren't as good as we had hoped. It was a slow start on the Monday morning and the team was beaten by Shirley Boys' 2 – 0 but in the afternoon we overpowered Greymouth High School 5 – 3.

On Wednesday morning the previously unbeaten John McGlashan (Dunedin) were first up and the boys played extremely well to win 4 -3. All they had to do then was to beat James Hargest in the afternoon to put them in the top 4. Unfortunately the boys couldn't muster enough energy and lost 3 - 1. After 2 more games the boys ended up in 7th place to finish the tournament but in the process they played some really good hockey. The highlight for a couple of the boys was the visit to Matura school (behind where we were staying) where Ritchie McCaw and 2 other All Blacks were their guest speaker. We had a wonderful week and I would specially like to thank Craig and Pip Forsyth for being camp parents as well as Mike Newman at Meaters who supplied all the meat for the trip.

