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Term 3 concluded with senior school examinations and the issuing of school reports for Years 11 to 13 students. Over the two week 'study break' students had time to reflect on their school examination results and to plan carefully for their Term 4 study programme. Senior students are now in examination mode with external Cambridge examinations having

commenced and running throughout Term 4. We wish all our students the very best for the month ahead.

A very comprehensive and successful winter sports programme operated during the last term with excellent results for many teams. The large number of students representing the school is to be



celebrated, with a participation level of over 70% compared to the national average of only 52%. Congratulations to all of our sports teams and a huge thank you to all of the coaches, managers and supporters for helping to make the season so successful.

The Wentworth Board of Trustees has received the 'confirmed' Education Review Office report from the ERO office. The report is published on the Ministry of Education and Wentworth College websites. It is interesting to note that the 2012 review comprises less than 2 pages compared to our first review in 2003 of 5 pages. This reflects a major change of the auditing process by ERO towards Private schools. They have been directed to reduce the size of the report document and are under very strict guidelines with the terminology they can use in writing the final report.

The Education Act with regard to Private school reviews is defined simply, stating that schools should have "suitable standards of curriculum, teaching, premises and resources." ERO confirms that Wentworth College meets all criteria for registration set out in the Education Act 1989.

The review officers congratulated the school on the continuation of the high quality of educational opportunities and high expectation of achievement that have been evident in all of Wentworth College's reviews.

Book Day fundraiser



They acknowledged the high quality of the school facilities and were impressed by the number of sporting and cultural opportunities available.

Mention is made in the report of the individual

attention that is given to students' educational needs and development, guiding them towards learning pathways that suit students' and parents' aspirations and leading to confident, co-operative and happy learners who are achieving well in all areas of the curriculum.

Evidence of student achievement was noted, as it is clearly reflected in past years' academic results with over 90% of Wentworth students in Year 13 gaining their University Entrance qualification last year.

The school's vision of developing a caring, supportive environment that leads to well engaged, motivated students, also brought positive comment from the ERO team.

The implementation of the Cambridge International Examination system has led to a continued rise of student achievement and planning is now in place to further extend the teaching of the Cambridge curriculum in to Wentworth Primary. This will lead to a seamless and co-ordinated programme for students attending Wentworth schools.

Bruce Tong
Principal





Primary School Highlights

There were so many highlights from a wonderfully busy and exciting term. Just some of these were:

- *Kia Kaba* - a Police programme, the name of which means 'Be Strong'. The programme focusses on the issues that young people face.
- Junior students' swimming lessons. Wonderful feedback was received from The Leisure Centre about how well our Years 1-3 students represented Wentworth while attending these lessons.
- The world famous Wentworth Primary Maths Olympics. This event formed part of Maths Week which also included daily maths questions.
- Loud Shirt Day
- Birthday morning teas
- Students dancing away at our annual disco night. The theme was *Futurama* and it was great to see so many futuristic looking costumes. The evening raised \$230 towards our child sponsorship through World Vision.
- Interschool Soccer
- Music Festival
- Kids for Kids Concert
- Folk Dancing
- Book Day. Students provided an excellent display of their favourite book characters. The total funds collected from the Primary and College combined was \$287.60 with all funds going to the 'Storylines' charity (in honour of the late author Margaret Mahy).



Science Roadshow

Senior Chemistry students, and Wentworth College Chemistry teacher, Mr Hawkins, visited Gulf Harbour and Red Beach Primary Schools during the term to share some of their passion and excitement for Science. The show included a range of experiments designed to fascinate and amaze young minds. It was a big hit, with primary students particularly enjoying the burning note,

bouncing bubble, elephant toothpaste, kitchen rockets and dry ice experiments. Our students "performed" fantastically and thoroughly enjoyed taking Science outside of the classroom. We hope to make the Science Roadshow an annual event, as a means of encouraging further interest and exploration of Science.



Kids for Kids

An exciting event this term was the 'Kids for Kids' Choir Concert, made up of mainly Primary School and Year 7 & 8 students. This was another big winner! Choir students had to learn up to 20 songs and performed alongside nine other schools in a massed choir at the Bruce Mason Theatre on 13th September. Performing with world renowned singer Suzanne Prentice added another exciting element. Congratulations to Emma Humphries and Cristina Sargent for being selected to perform solos on the evening.

Art and Film Festival

The second annual Wentworth Art and Film Festival was held in the College hall in the last week of term. As always the students' artwork was outstanding. The large gathering was entertained for over an hour with excellent short films that were presented under a number of categories including advertisements, documentaries, adventure and horror movies as well as creative pieces. Everyone enjoyed the evening which concluded with drinks and nibbles. Particular thanks go to Mrs Elliott and Ms Gamble for organising the event.



Shanghai Far East School

A group of 23 students and teachers from Shanghai Far East School spent two weeks at Wentworth during the term. The Chinese students had the opportunity to join with Wentworth classes from time to time during their stay. It was a pleasure to be able to return some of the good will shown to our students during their visit to China last year.



Year 8 Spanish

Year 8 Spanish students took part in a lesson this term to try out typical Spanish foods. This was a lesson particularly enjoyed by all.



Mathematics Week

Congratulations to all students on their participation in Maths Week. Participation levels were particularly high this year, with students really getting into the spirit of the week through the daily quizzes and various competitions. Congratulations also to Matthew Hughes, Aidan Auld and the team of Prefects who helped organise and run the inter-House Mathex competition.



Senior School Ball

This year's school ball was held in the old elephant house at Auckland Zoo. The elephant enclosure has been converted into an admirable facility for such functions. Congratulations to the Ball Committee for their organisation and to ball attendees for their first class behaviour. The Zoo keepers performed the roll of security guards and also provided a television so that enthusiastic staff and students could watch an 11p.m. Olympic Rowing final.

Drama

The Year 10 Drama students worked this term with the Year 7 Drama Club developing their tableaux.



Music Festival

This term the 'Music Festival' was held on 31st August and was a huge hit! It was a celebration of Wentworth music students' hard work and talent. There were performances by the Orchestra, a Choir of 70 children, Rock Bands including 'Anastasis,' small ensembles and solo items. Musical styles included jazz, classical, modern and rock. It was a wonderful evening. Highlights included performances by Sam Yoshifuji on the piano, Vincent Criglington on the guitar and vocal solos by Emma Humphries and Lauren Ward.





Senior PE Trip to Queenstown

The annual trip to Queenstown for senior Physical Education students was undertaken in August and was a huge success. Students were greeted at the airport by fine weather and incredible views before travelling up to Cardrona Alpine Resort for 4 days of cloudless skies and amazing skiing and snow-boarding. In addition to achieving the necessary practical requirements of their PE coursework, students and staff had a wonderful time and created many lasting memories.



Inter-House Volleyball Results

- 1st Place = Findlay
- 2nd Place = MacDonald
- 3rd Place = Fleming

Inter-House Badminton Results

- Year 7 & 8 Champs – Fleming
- Junior Champs – Fleming
- Intermediate Champs – Findlay
- Senior Champs – Findlay



Sailing

A number of students are taking part in a small keeler sailing programme offered through the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club. This is in addition to the sailing programme offered through the College.



Sunderland Sports Exchange

During the term Wentworth entertained Sunderland College in our annual sports exchange. Sunderland began the day beating us 3-1 in the Boys' Soccer, however all our Netball teams were victorious. The Senior Netball Girls won 25-13, Years 7 & 8 Girls won 17-2 and the Year 9 Girls were comprehensive in winning 30-2. In the Basketball, the Under 15 Boys put on a dominant display winning 48-15 and the Senior Boys team came through to win 28-5. Sunderland managed to restore some pride in winning the Badminton fixture however, the rout was completed when Boys and Girls Volleyball teams both won their games in straight sets. Overall it was an excellent performance by Wentworth students who should be proud of their efforts and sportsmanship.

Sporting Success

It has been wonderful hearing about the achievement of all our teams at Assembly throughout the term. Our Netball girls have featured regularly owing to a particularly successful season. Well done to all team members.





Get2Go

Congratulations to our Get2Go Team. The event took place in August and involved orienteering, cycling, canoeing and abseiling.



Book Day

This year's 'Book Day' was dedicated to the late author, Margaret Mahy, and was in support of the New Zealand Storyline Company. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the importance of reading and to encourage reading at both Primary and College level. Students and staff were encouraged to get into the spirit of the day and come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



Beach Cleanup

Wentworth students from Years 7 & 8 spent a morning during the term with the Sustainable Coastlines Trust. First they listened to a very informative talk during which everybody learned some surprising and sad things about rubbish. They then dedicated their time to a beach cleanup exercise.



Shakeout

Both the College and the Primary School took part in the national "Shakeout" earthquake practise held on 26th September.

