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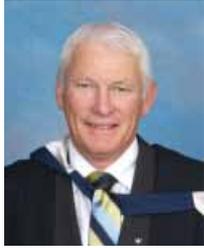


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Some weeks ago a reporter from Suburban Newspapers visited the school, resulting in the following article featuring in the North Shore Times and Rodney Times.

Wentworth offers individual education

As a parent, one of the most important decisions you will ever make is selecting the right secondary school for your child. If

you are looking for a school where your child's learning and personal development will be guided by passionate teachers who treat every student as an individual in their own right, rather than just one of a group, Wentworth College is the place to go.

This boutique style Whangaparaoa school caters for Years 7 to 13 and has a warm, inclusive environment. Small class sizes allow staff time to provide personalised education and pastoral support for every child.

The school boasts outstanding academic success and has been recognised as a Cambridge Centre of Excellence due to its consistently strong results in the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) – including three students in 2013 who received top accolades in New Zealand for IGCSE Drama, AS Art and Design and AS Music.

“Our students are thinking of the bigger picture – they want to be part of the global world and the Cambridge examinations set them up for future success on an international level,” Principal Bruce Tong says.

Despite its astounding academic record, the school retains a down-to-earth philosophy and stays true to its mission of creating opportunities, expanding horizons, rewarding effort and encouraging excellence in all aspects of life.

“We are a private school where ordinary, everyday kids work to be the best they can be – becoming extraordinary young people in the process,” Deputy Principal Philip Lee says.

Outside the classroom there are plenty of activities and events that encourage students to continue their personal growth, including 23 sports ranging from basketball and netball through to sailing, rowing and pistol shooting.

The school is easily accessible thanks to its bus service from Matakana, Kaukapakapa, Coatesville and the North Shore, and enrolments are open all year round.

International Student Success at Wentworth

Earlier in the year we were also visited by a television crew from Education New Zealand who were making a series of short videos, showcasing the benefits of a New Zealand education to students from overseas. Our 2013 Wentworth College Dux, and captain of the Wentworth Golf Team, Jerry Ren, was the subject of one of these videos. Jerry went on to

gain a full golfing Scholarship to attend Mercer University in Georgia, USA. The video can be seen by following the QR Code at the end of Jerry's biography:

“My name is Jerry Ren and during 2013 I was a senior student at Wentworth College. I joined Wentworth at the same time

that I moved over from China about 5 years ago. I was quite nervous when I first got here due to the unfamiliar environment and language difficulties. Luckily Wentworth is a very friendly and welcoming school and soon it became my second home and also the most memorable place in my life. During my years at Wentworth I saw a huge improvement in my language skills and other academic knowledge. The teachers at Wentworth are very professional and responsible. They not only helped me gain good examination results but we also built very close personal relationships, which made school life exciting and enjoyable.

Students at Wentworth can follow the Cambridge examination system and take IGCSE or A-level examinations. This is a real benefit because Cambridge is recognised across the world, which gives us many more options for future study and career choices.

One of the reasons I joined Wentworth is their Golf Academy, where students are able to play on the amazing Gulf Harbour Country Club course. This course is one of the top 10 golf courses in New Zealand.

Being a member of the Wentworth Golf Academy has certainly helped me a lot with taking my game to the next level. I have made many friends and it is not an exaggeration to say that the years in Wentworth have set an excellent foundation for the rest of my life.”



Wentworth offers many opportunities for both domestic and international students. Over the 12 years of the school's operation, many students have enjoyed and benefitted from a 'Wentworth Education'. A new feature of our term Bulletins will be a focus on alumni students. Commencing with this issue (see back page), each publication will highlight one or more past students and their achievements since leaving Wentworth.

Bruce Tong
Principal

AS Tourism Trip to the Bay of Islands

Students from Years 11-13 plus Mrs Malone travelled up to Paihia in the Bay of Islands as part of their Travel and Tourism assessment. Despite the wet weather, it was a great weekend including visiting the many physical and cultural attractions.



Music / Variety Concert

Our Music/Variety Concert was very successful with students from all year levels performing, including some of our talented little ones from Wentworth Primary. It was also lovely to see and hear the musical talent of some of our international students.



Film Festival

Olivia Harter was the overall winner for this year's Film Festival award with her entry in the Art House category.



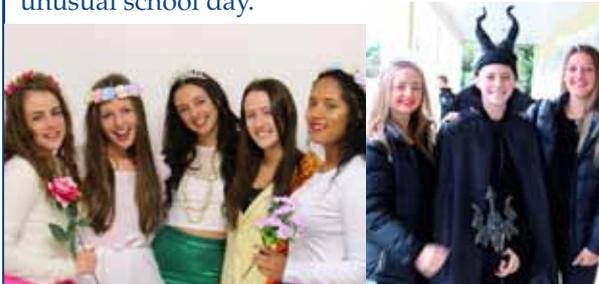
Daffodil Day

Wentworth College students and staff members showed enthusiasm and support for this very worthwhile cause raising funds for Daffodil day. Prefects Rosalie Reeves and Sam Clarke put in a huge amount of energy and hard work to produce a very successful day for this annual fundraising event for the Cancer Society.



Character Day

College students kept to the Character Day tradition, for the fourth year in a row, and raided their fancy dress boxes to create a memorable, unusual school day.



School Ball

This year's senior ball was held on the 2nd of August at The Wharf at Northcote Point. The venue was gorgeous with a huge deck with beautiful views of the city's night skyline and the Auckland Harbour Bridge, all lit up. The evening is a highlight of the school year for senior students and although it took a huge amount of planning, it was a night that will long be remembered by us all!

Winners on the night:

King & Queen- Cullen Rhind & Lucy Murden

Prince & Princess - Jacob Langridge & Raina Song

Best Dressed (Year 11) - Gabriel Kirkwood and Grace Morris

Best Dancer - Mrs Wendy Malone

Cutest Couples:

Sam Clarke & Emma Ryder

Jacob Langridge & Grace Morris

Sarah Haggerty & Wilrich Coetzee



AIMS GAMES

Mia Boot made the final for the 50m Backstroke and achieved some great personal best times.



YEAR 8 HOWICK VILLAGE TRIP

Year 8 students thoroughly enjoyed their day out at Howick Village seeing what life was like back in the olden days.



TENT WEEK AT WENTWORTH

Years 7 and 8 Wentworth College students were given the opportunity to try a different learning environment. Teacher, Cathy Worthy, decided to erect 8 of the schools' tents inside the Maths/Science classroom and gave the students a choice of working in the tents, or at chairs and tables around the edge of the room. Students were able to bring in their own pillows, beanbags and blankets to make it more comfortable. "Tent Week was extremely fun", said Natascha Gregory. "There was lots of space and it was really comfortable." One student thought it was like going on a Maths and Science camp!





CREATIVITY THROUGH DESIGN, TEXTILES AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY

From 'Moko' facial tattoos to Polynesian 'Tapa' designs in the Technology classroom; tie-dyed bags, applied designs on T shirts, and pattern drafting in the Fabrics Rooms; and whipping up nutritious snack foods in Food Technology, Wentworth students put their imaginations and creativity to use in a range of classes during Term 3.



CHRIS EVERITT,

Head Boy, is really proving his worth lately. Not only has he won player of the year at the annual Silverdale United Rugby Football Club prize-giving but he is also competing internationally in rowing. Chris was selected as part of this year's squad to compete in Australia.



NETBALL TERM 3

Term 3 saw the wrapping up of the netball season for 2014. Wentworth's 4 teams – Intermediate, Year 9, Senior 2 and Senior 1 – all had good solid seasons, with highlights being the Intermediate team winning their division at Hibiscus Coast Netball Centre and Senior Team 1 making the final of their Open A division at Netball North Harbour. Team 1 finished their year with the Upper North Island Secondary School's week long tournament in Waitakere. They had a very full and tiring week but won every game to finish with a resounding win in the final on Friday. The team had put in additional hard work to raise funds for accommodation for the tournament and to get new dresses for the 2 senior teams, for which they received many positive comments.

The Year 9s are looking ahead to next season and have raised money towards hoodies and an end of year celebration, whilst the Years 7/8 team invited the Year 9s to join in with Silver Fern Anna Harrison when she visited the school and took all the girls for training and a wonderful question and answer session. The Senior 2 team won almost every game during their season at Netball North Harbour, but unfortunately lost one crucial game that put them out of the final.



SAILING

Wentworth Sailors were out in the wild weather taking part in a Guinness World Record attempt at Gulf Harbour Yacht Club. On 21st September, in over 65 countries, sailors from across the world participated in an event called 'Bart's Bash' which was aiming to break the record of the largest sailing race over multi-venues. Wentworth Sailing Club students were excellent ambassadors for the school both on and off the water. We also had three of our students photographing the event which will add a different dimension to their photography portfolios. *(Photos on right were taken by Abbie Grey.)*



There was great excitement by the Sailing Squad at the arrival of a new 420 dinghy, the type used for the school's team sailing regattas. Mr Tong presented the cheque after which it was christened with a fizzy bottle of lemonade by Sean Herbert. The boat is Wentworth 4 and is named "Turbo". Many thanks to the Lions Foundation for their initial substantial donation, and to all who have supported the fundraising events held by the sailing parents during the long journey to raise the balance of funds needed. Wentworth sailors look forward to helping "Turbo" to live up to her name on the water!

HOCKEY

The boys' First X1 team have been playing against tough divisions this term and have completed a challenging yet successful season to finish 7th in the North Harbour 1A Division.

The girls' First X1 team have battled hard against older and more experienced teams and have been very competitive in the North Harbour 2A Division. They showed a positive attitude and are pleased with their results.



THE NISSSC COMPETITION was held at Turoa ski field. This was a milestone for Wentworth as we had 2 teams this year. We placed about mid-range in the field, and considering our skiers are not part of race squads, our results are fantastic. They were:

- Wentworth A - 56th out of 117 teams
- Wentworth B - 68th out of 117 teams



PE TRIP

In August, the senior Physical Education classes travelled to Queenstown for their snow assessment week. This year the group included 14 students, along with Mr Harris and Mr Thomson, and many lasting memories were made. Students stayed in Queenstown and travelled by charter bus to Cardrona Alpine Resort for 4 full on days on the amazing slopes. After an eventful start to the week with challenging conditions on the Crown Range, we were met with some powder days, amazing weather and quiet slopes. Each morning students received lessons according to their abilities and the progress that was made throughout the week was great to see. Students had the opportunity to be assessed in Skiing or Snowboarding later in the week, and these marks contribute to their AS and A level coursework. We had an amazing week, full of laughs and stunning scenery, and as always it was a pleasure to take away such a great bunch of students and experience the outdoors together.

Colin Thomson, Head of P.E.



ALUMNI FEATURE:

Wentworth Alumni write about the paths their lives have taken since graduating from Wentworth.

MORGAN BROWNE (2004 – 2009)

My name is Morgan Browne, I am 23 years old and I studied at Wentworth from Year 8 (2004)- Year 13 (2009), becoming Head Girl in 2009. Since leaving Wentworth I have completed a Bachelor of Communication at Massey University and for the past two years have been working at Massey full-time in Wellington as the editor of the national student magazine, MASSIVE. The magazine has approximately 35,000 readers and is read and distributed in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington. My role involves not only news journalism but a wide array of other disciplines such as public speaking, advertising, public relations and communication management, and the magazine has broken international news stories during the time I have been working as editor. I've been lucky enough to interview some amazing and interesting people and I truly have to thank Ms Gamble and Mrs Davies for the skillset I developed in English and Drama classes at Wentworth! I'm moving to London, UK, in a few months for my OE.



WENTWORTH PRIMARY TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Maths week

Maths Week saw a daily series of maths questions for the students to answer. At the end of the week the winning students received a prize for the most successful answers. The culmination of Maths Week was the Maths Commonwealth Games competition where students and parents grouped to represent different commonwealth countries. 'Zambia' was the winning team.



School Cross Country

All year groups competed to be the fastest in the gruelling annual cross country race.

Years 5 and 6 boys and girls went on to compete in the Hibiscus Coast Schools annual interschool cross country race at Shakespeare Park.



Loud Shirt Day

The School Council (student body) elected to support the Hearing House and Cochlear Implant programme with a mufti day and shared morning tea. Everyone was involved with all funds raised going to the Hearing House and



Ye Ha – School production

This was undoubtedly the highlight of Term 3, with the whole school taking part in 'Spectacular Miracular' songs and performances. The Wentworth Primary students put on an excellent show that received rave reviews and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

