



# INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

November 2019

*International students are welcomed at Marlborough Boys' College and every effort is made to make their stay in Blenheim, New Zealand a happy and worthwhile experience. We recognise and appreciate the contribution they make to our school community.*

Welcome, Haere Mai ようこそ Youkoso Beinvenue 欢迎 Huan ying üdvözlet 환영 Willkommen

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We have had a busy year with fulltime students again this year from our Tokyo sister school, Jissen Gakuen. In Terms 1 and 2 students from Germany, Austria and France attended MBC and Jack Yang from China returned for his third and final year. Jack will continue his studies next year in NZ at NMIT. We also hosted short stay students from Japan, China, Korea and Thailand. A huge thank you to the host brothers and their families who opened their homes to our international students, we cannot welcome these students from around the world to this College with out the support of families in the Marlborough community. THANK YOU



**Term 1 2019**  
- Whites Bay combined  
MBC/MGC  
International  
student  
gathering in  
February.



Whites Bay activities, Study Nelson student Laurenz Brunner from Germany (left) with Harry Jackson – MBC International Prefect. Laurenz excelled in his Outdoor Education subject.



Magnus Bucheler (left) from Germany, Laurenz and Watson Tahavalu, one of the 2019 OTA Scholars above.



Sena Hattori, Magnus and Narimasa Nagata (above) and the boys being shown how mussels are grown and harvested in Nydia Bay as they returned to Havelock after helping to pack in Summer Camp 2019, (right).



In March MBC hosted Japanese students from Hakuba High School, Japan, which included a visit to the Mayoral Offices. MBC International would like to thank Frank Hartland, Liam Keegan, Christian Wilson, Jack Wilkes, Alex Piddington, Hunter Murray and Watson Tahavalu. The Hakuba students had a great time. Many MBC students welcomed these students to the college. Thank you to all the teachers that included a Hakuba High School student in their class, especially Mrs Quigley and Mrs Oliver for ESOL, Mrs Kircher for Tourism.

The Hakuba Students were interested in Tourism in Marlborough as their school is situated in Nagano Prefecture, home of the 1998 Winter Olympics. The Havelock Mussel Festival visit was made possible through the MDC. Highlights of the boys' visit was to learn a Haka and play rugby.



The Marlborough Falcon Sanctuary visit.

Rugby practice with the MBC Falcons.



Basketball games were a must.

The Wither Hills Winery visit for wine production.

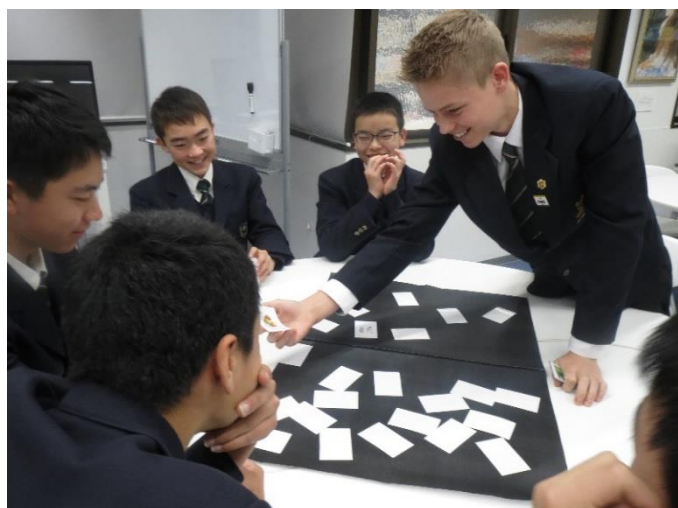


Our two OTA Scholars travelled to Jissen Gakuen in January 2019, Frank Hartland and Watson Tahavalu are below with MGC OTA Scholar's Tayla Fowke and Ashley Sutherland and travelling teacher Mrs Delmonte at a traditional Japanese tea ceremony.



Frank Hartland in class at Jissen Gakuen.

Watson Tahavalu in class at Jissen Gakuen.



### The Principal says .....

During this past year we have once again hosted International students from our sister school in Tokyo Japan, and short and long stay International students from Germany, China, Korea, Thailand and Japan, including exchange students from France and Austria. For the duration of their stay, the boys lived with homestay families and staff in our school community. The teachers travelling with some of the groups mentioned the impressive degree to which their students had formed bonds with their host families. This was evident in the tears shed when saying goodbye as the students departed at different times during the year. We are grateful for the effort and initiative shown by our host families to engage with their host sons, they go above and beyond to communicate and connect with these young men despite the language barrier. They also provided adventurous experiences such as beach and boat trips, fishing, hiking and hot pools! Our Kiwi host brothers and class buddies have been amazing! They took their responsibilities incredibly seriously. They showed leadership and kindness, making sure the International students knew where to go and what to do during class time. And also, how to have fun! A large part of the international students' enjoyment of their time here is the time spent in class. We look forward to hosting more students in 2020.

**A grateful thank you to the homestay families this year: Adcock, Climo, Connor-McLean, Gardner, Jennison, Pearce, Pale, Davies, Badcock, Foster, Rodger, Lane, Broughton-Day, Paul, Chowfin, Gasson, Hartland, Milliken, Keegan, Smith-Wilson, Piddington, Wilkes-Poswillo, Hughes-Gray, McLeod, Verhey and Yarrall.**

**Term 3.** The traditional visit from our sister school Jissen Guaken, is the Japanese Summer School Exchange of 30 students plus staff. This was a great success again this year and we look forward to the 2020 Summer School Exchange. The weather for the eight days was perfect except for the last day!



Patrick Milliken with Shotaro and at right MBC buddies, from left Jacob Campbell and Jack Dunlop with Tomoki Kotosaka, Raiki Igi, Yushin Jingu and Ollie Price.

Grateful thanks to Host Families of Jissen Gakuen Summer School students': Foster, Hamilton, van Rensburg, Herd, Arbuckle, Davis, Martella, Keegan, Gardiner, Milliken, Musgrove, Rae, Moore, Marfell, Verran, Petrie, Osgood, Mitchell-Saunders, Hawtin, Banks, Black, Pinkerton, Hebberd, Lowe, Nicholls, Singh and Boyd.



ESOL Classes and Football games with some boys playing the good kiwi way in bare feet! Cooking, guitar lessons and performing a Haka.



South Korean students arrived again in the third term for seven weeks in Term Three. These students were from Agriculture and Aquaculture backgrounds and were able to visit Salmon and Mussel farms in the Pelorus Sound. Below from left, Kang Lee, Hwanyean (Ricky) Hwang, Seungwoo (Brad) Kim, Hyunbin (Beni) Bae and Dongwon (Quill) Kim.



Students from Thailand (below) on a short stay visit this year were cousins Ing (left) and Pichaya.



Ing with Charlie Wilkin and Watson Tahavalu, left.



MBC hosted four Year 9 students from China for two weeks in July.

In ELRC class from left, Shuming (Josh) Zheng, Mrs Cookson, Ziming (Max) Cheng, Wenduo (Andy) Yan and Jinzhao (Fred) Peng. The boys settled in quickly and enjoyed our kiwi way of life.

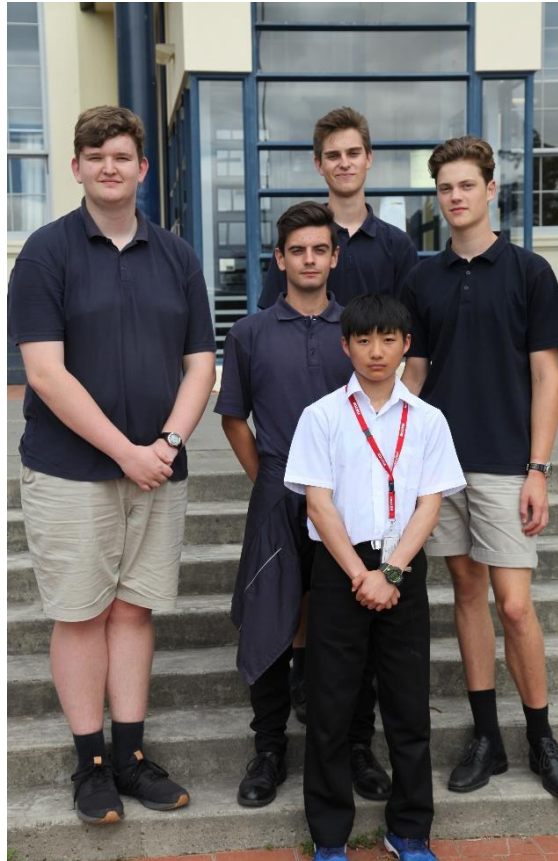
**MBC Head Boy 2019 – Ben Alexander and family hosted Rohan Mudkavi the 76th Otaki Scholar and School Captain for five days.** This included visiting a Marlborough Winery. Rohan studies Chemistry, Biology, Physics and



Mathematics at Advanced Higher level and has received an offer to study Medicine at Cambridge University. Rohan was both honoured and humbled to have been given the chance to represent Robert Gordon's College as School Captain this year and was excited to visit New Zealand as the Otaki Scholar.



From left Kaleb Donald (International Prefect), Alex Gasson (Academic Prefect), Harry Jackson (International Prefect), Laurenz Brunner, international student from Germany and at front Tengo Hamatani from Otari middle school, Japan. Alex and his family hosted Tengo via the MDC Sister City Education one-week Exchange. Pictured far right, Patrick Milliken and family hosted Takumi Endo from Tendo Junior High School, Japan, also through the same exchange. Thank you for your support.



**Wayne Hegarty – Principal/International Director**

Wayne retires at the end of this year as Principal/International Director. Wayne always made time to meet all international students on their first day, supporting them while they attended MBC and also making sure he farewells the boys with a hand shake. Thank you!

Below, Chinese students with their MBC buddies on their last day.



Magnus Bucheler from Germany (below left) and Gabin Holt from France.



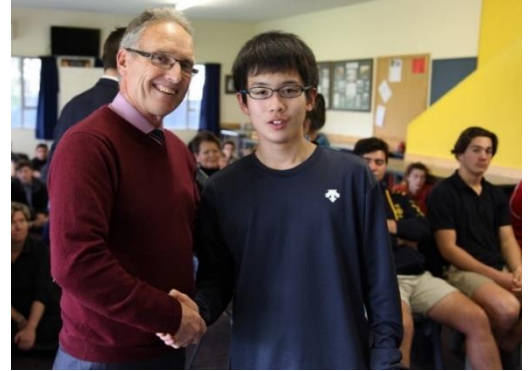
Kawin Boonset (above) from Thailand attended MBC for one month this year and will return in 2020 as a full-time student.

Pictured from left, Laurenz, Jack, Sena, Gabin, Magnus, Clemens and Nari.





Third Term students from Jissen Gakuen at left with Wayne, from left, their teacher Shinichi Kondo, Itsuki, Shotaro, Ibuki and Masami. Below Ryosei is farewelled after attending MBC for six weeks.



At right, another Graduation Certificate presented at the Poroporoaki, Wayne with Raiki. ありがとう  
Below (far right, from left), Jack Yang with Magnus, Sena and Narimasa.

Below, Jack's host family, Chris and Karen Jennison with Juzo whom they also hosted for six weeks and Jack for the last two years. We are grateful to all host families for their generosity and care of MBC international students.



Jissen Gakuen student Shinji Mikame has attended MBC for two years, and he was an important member of the MBC Blenheim Valley and First XI football teams. We wish him well for his future and hope that attending MBC has encouraged Shinji to pursue his aspiration to attend University in the UK.

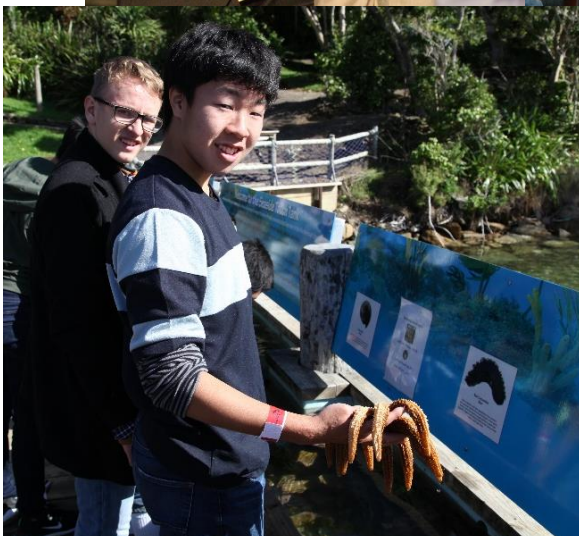


Shinji achieved a 7 for his IELTS test before he left NZ!



Narimasa Nagata, from Jissen Gakuen, (third student from right, front row) and Laurenz Brunner from Germany (first on left, front row) both enjoyed their time in the MBC Choir. They were both a welcome addition to 'No Girls Aloud' said Choir Master Mr O'Brien.

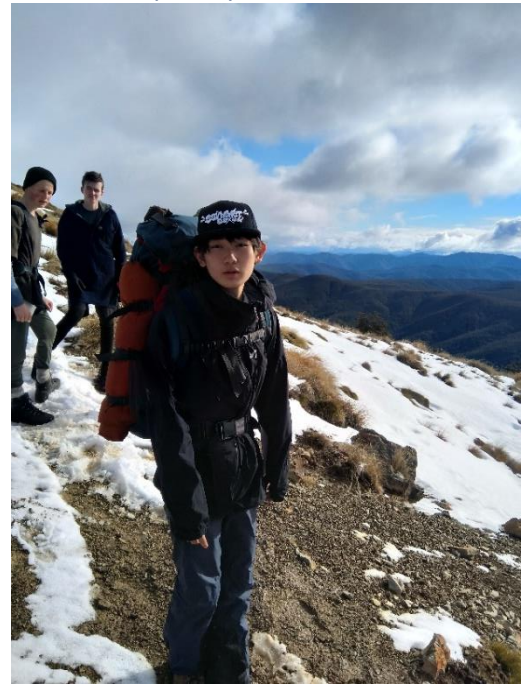
Having fun at the Weta Workshop visit in Wellington, MBC Formal, Lochmara Lodge in the Queen Charlotte Sound and playing pool.



Maori culture instruction (below) at Waikawa Bay, including flax harvesting and weaving, learning a Waiata, traditional games, attending the Powhiri at the Marae with the Manaaki Tapoi group. Students also enjoyed the yearly Assembly for International Students, celebrating our different cultures. Both activities were hosted by Marlborough Girls' College.



**Lake Rotoiti Winter Camp** in Term Three is another highlight of the international student experience while attending MBC. Narimasa with MBC students (below) attending this year's Summer Camp. Juzo pictured below (far right) at Winter Camp, thirteen international students attended the Winter Camp this year.



ESOL CLASS OF 2019

