



Marlborough Boys' College

September 2018



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Bronze - Trip to the Richmond Ranges



From the Principal

Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou

In the second half of term 2 we provided on-going opportunity and celebrated achievement in our critical pillars in support of the on-going focus of developing all-round Marlborough Men that the community can be proud of.

We celebrated the success of students in academic competitions. Liam Keegan's success in Education Perfect assessments has been astonishing. In Mathematics he finished in the top 1% of 60,000 competitors from around the world. In English, Liam finished in the top 1% of 40,000 competitors and in Science in the top 2% of 90,000 competitors. In ICAS Science Lennox Crowe and George Wylie-Gregg achieved Distinction while Jonty Rush and Jack Banks achieved Merit. In the Kiwi English Competition Jack Guard earned a Distinction and Ayden Foster, Frank Hartland, Jack Wilkes, George Wylie-Gregg and Callum Maclean achieved Excellence. In the Science Fair Sam Lee again achieved outstanding results.

The Year 10 Rotoiti Camp was a huge success. The following comment was received from Russell Ferens Director Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre:

"I have had the best week. The boys from MBC have been fantastic to work with, they have been polite, accepting of each other, worked hard to make sure that everyone was included-not just in their group but on the camp as a whole, they have been keen and eager to help out when something needs to happen, help their camp mates out and share skills. I feel especially privileged as this week I had the opportunity to work with four of the six groups in the high ropes and due to how the boys worked together, the level of respect that they showed for each other and the staff of both the college and the Lodge they made the sessions some of the most enjoyable that I can remember."

I believe that these boys will serve the College well and will currently become men that Marlborough can be proud of."

Term 4 is a very busy term for our International Programme. Thank you to all the community members who supported our 46 visitors this term.

In leadership Jacob Collins was chosen by his peers as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees and first round interviews occurred for next year's prefects. In service

I am impressed with the work of the Enviro Council who with community support are rolling out a recycling scheme in term 4.

The terms' Skills for Life session, the Duke of Edinburgh camp, sport and arts opportunities, and the Year 10 Rotoiti Camp provided co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for students. We got very positive responses from community members regarding the environmental work done by year 10 and 13 students.



Rubbish picked up in the community by Year 10 students.

Staffing news

We have had resignations from three long serving staff members - Bill Wick (45 years), Bryan Scrivener and Ann McNicholl (28 years). I thank them for their contribution. Jeremy Marshall was the successful candidate replacing Bill as Deputy Principal from 2019. We were very encouraged by the number of high quality applicants who applied for this position.

In Term 4 I am looking forward to, and invite you to attend, the Cultural Celebration and Prizegiving, the Sportsman of the Year function, Senior Prizegiving, Junior Prizegiving and the Leavers' function.

W. Hegarty, Principal

Combined Colleges' Formal 2018

This year's formal was a resounding success with the 380 students who attended arriving in a variety of different vehicles – from golf carts to double decker buses – putting on a show for the public. This year's theme was Ancient Greece. As voted by the students, the King was William Day and the Queen was Amber Lyons. Prince was Leon Van Tuel and Princess was Anna Holdaway. The cutest couple was Josh Wilson and Sophia Geris.

Photos of the night can be found on the "Marlborough Combined Colleges' Formal 2018" Facebook page.

James Hammond, Head Boy

Coming Up...

Thursday 18 October

Cultural Prizegiving

Thursday 25 October

Sportsman of the Year

Thursday 1 November

Senior Prizegiving

Friday 2 November

Year 8 Testing Day

5 - 9 November

Year 10 Rotoiti Camp

7 - 30 November

NZQA Exams

Friday 16 November

Year 10 Exams (Hall)

Friday 30 November

Year 8 Taster Day

Monday 3 December

Leavers Function

Tuesday 11 December

Diploma Graduations

Wednesday 12 December

Junior Prizegiving (last day for Junior Students)

PTA MEETING DATES

Wednesday 17 October

Wednesday 21 November



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Expedition in the Richmond Ranges

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze group completed their first expedition by tramping to Devils Hut in the Wakamarina area in the Mount Richmond Forest Park. The students explored the gold mining history in the area by visiting some remote stone huts from the gold mining era and walking around the Doom Creek goldfield.

Front cover photograph - Back row: Bjarki Thompson, Jack Flynn, Blair Harris, John Wilson, Ollie Mandeno, Bill Welbourn, Gus Varney, Thomas Van Asch, Guy Clarke, Charlie Struthers, Fred Vavasour Front: Sam Feltham, Euan Marshall, Jack Unwin

SUMMER CAMP

Year 10 Lake Rotoiti 5 - 9 November 2018

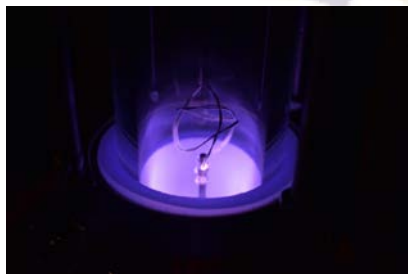
Information and application forms have been sent home to parents of relevant Year 10 form classes.

If your son wishes to attend Summer Camp please complete the application form and return it to the Finance Office as soon as possible.



This year there were some big changes to the Science Fair. New categories were announced that have widened the opportunities for students to demonstrate their success in science. These included Research/inquiry, Visual arts & creativity and Oral Presentation. The Regional Science Fair was rebranded as the Regional Science Celebration.

This year the winner of the MBC fair and Joint Winner of the Regional Science Celebration was Samuel Lee with an amazing technology exhibit entitled "Nuclear Fusion". This exhibit represented an incredible amount of effort and is the second time Samuel has won the Science Fair at MBC. Jack Flynn won a highly commended award for his Oral Presentation called "Are Fireblankets Bulletproof?" Joel Pannell won highly commended for his science investigation "Fishy Business" and Joshua Black and Declan Phibbs won highly commended for their technology entry entitled "Bike Indicators".



South Island Secondary Schools' Special Olympic Basketball in Nelson

We travelled to Nelson to play against 11 other secondary schools on Wednesday 22 August competing in the South Island Secondary Schools' Special Olympic Basketball Tournament. The students competed in the skills first and played games against Allenvale (Christchurch), Nayland College, and Waimea College. We had really good games where all our team played well. The boys didn't win any games, but shot some impressive goals. We were in the top division playing against more experienced teams and I was very proud of the way the boys played and showed the skills that they have learnt this term.

A special thanks to Amber Win for being the coach and organising the boys on the court. Also thank you to Matthew Briggs for his support on the day.

Ann McNicholl - Teacher in Charge

Basketball team: Corey Connor, Jules Escalle, Jo Shipley, Allan Fuge, Ronan Burgess, Juan Pilapil, Tyrone Emmerson, Jarrod Temaro.



MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE
CULTURAL
 CELEBRATION & PRIZE GIVING 2018
 THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER
 7PM MBC HALL
 DOORS OPEN AT 6.30

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT & CELEBRATION OF OUR AWARD WINNERS.

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED.

PAPER DONATIONS PAYABLE AT THE DOOR.
 STUDENTS ARE FREE

Rotary BE THE INSPIRATION

JAZZ COMBO
PASIFIKA
NO GIRLS ALOUT
ROCK GROUP
KAPA HAKA
SOLOS
...AND MORE



Talent Quest Results

Novice Solo Instrumental - Jack Banks

Novice Group Instrumental - Guitar Group; Campbell Gill, Lachlan Blathwayt, Euan Marshall, Jack Unwin

Open Solo Instrumental Accompanied - Myles Shearer

Open Solo Instrumental Unaccompanied - Jonty Zyndenbos

Open Group Instrumental - Jonty Zyndenbos, Kodi Rasmussen, Samuel Lee, Sean Goodall-Cromarty

Open Solo Vocal Accompanied - Justin Cook

Open Classical Guitar - Francis Elworthy

Open Original Composition Solo - Kodi Rasmussen

Open Original Composition Group - Jonty Zyndenbos, Kodi Rasmussen, Samuel Lee, Sean Goodall-Cromarty





SPORTS REPORT

The highlight of term 3 on the sporting calendar was tournament week where we had several teams spread across the country competing in a variety of sports.

Basketball

The Junior Basketball Team competed in the South Island Champs in Nelson where they performed well in a tough competition finishing 15th. Players that stood out were Vili Pale and Toby Witehira.

The Senior Basketball Team also competed in the South Island champs in Invercargill where they started very well, but unfortunately lost a couple of close games which put them in the bottom half of the tournament. Players who performed well were Will Macdonald and Eddie Ave.



Squash

Two squash teams travelled to nationals in Palmerston North. Both teams performed well against the best in NZ. MBC A team finished a credible 17th in the country, winning the plate division. Tom Marshall was selected as non travelling reserve for the New Zealand team.

U15 Rugby

The U15 Rugby team was in Blenheim and Nelson for their South Island tournament. They had two good wins in their pool, but unfortunately things did not go their way against Southland Boys and they lost in a close game. Players to shine were William MacKenzie, Ben Dalton, Ned Boyce and Kyren Taumoevalau.

Hockey

Our Hockey team played in a tournament in Timaru. This young team ended up coming 9th and had good wins against Shirley Boys' and Ashburton College. Aiden Neal and Gus Varney had great tournaments.

Football

The Football Team was in Nelson at the NZ Secondary School division 2 tournament. The boys flew through pool play unbeaten, they won against Otago Boys' in the quarter final and Nelson College in the Semi final by penalties, but could not quite get it done in the final, losing to a strong Shirley Boys' High School. Standout performers were Joe Knobben, Milan Cunliffe-Post, and Ben Ivory McCullum.

Underwater Hockey

The Underwater Hockey team placed 3rd in the NZSS national competition. They had a fantastic competition winning five out of seven games played over three days. Harrison Brosnan and Sean Kennedy were selected in the tournament team; made up of top 10 players at the tournament.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Over the next few weeks we have several teams competing – Mountain Biking, Cycling, Shooting, MBC Tennis Champs, Junior/Senior Sevens and Junior Touch rugby. Good luck to all the students competing in these events.

Nominations for sportsman and team of the year need to be emailed or given to Josh Harrison – joshh@mbc.school.nz asap. Also any students who have represented NZ this year need to do the same.

The Sportsman of the Year Dinner is on 25 October to celebrate the success of our students this year in sport. The tickets are available in the school office if you would like to go. Information about school sport events are on the school app or school facebook page.

MBC SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 25 OCTOBER 2018 CLUBS OF MARLBOROUGH

Once again we will be celebrating the sporting achievements of our students this year with our Sportsman of the Year Dinner.

All students who are to receive an award will be contacted and tickets can be purchased for \$40 from the schools finance office.

Nominations are being sought for the following awards:

1. Sports Team of the Year
2. Sports Man of the Year



Any nominations can be made to Mr Harrison via email joshh@mbc.school.nz

Musical Mentorship

Musical mentorship was passed through the generations on a recent trip involving Marlborough Boys' College, Nelson College and Nelson College for Girls. Our musicians joined musicians from these other schools to perform a concert at Redwoodtown Primary School in Blenheim, with the hope of inspiring the Redwoodtown primary students to take up an instrument of their own. At the end of the concert all the primary school students performed a moving giant waiata of thanks to the high school students.

Our students then went on to meet the Concertmaster of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO), and other lead musicians from the orchestra, for a pre-concert "listening lab" designed to help student musicians listen to the upcoming Blenheim concert with a more discerning ear, and to create new "access points" for getting into the upcoming evening NZSO concert. The evening concert of select pieces by Beethoven and Brahms was hugely inspiring to our students, especially the performance by violin soloist, and Grammy Award winner, Augustin Hadelich, said to be the finest violinist of his generation. Hadelich's encore performance of a Paganini piece was an athletic virtuoso display that left the students' jaws dropping to the floor. If the College students inspired Redwoodtown budding musicians, the NZSO in turn provided role models for our musicians and music lovers, especially at the end of the concert when they were able to meet, chat with, and get autographs and selfies with Augustin Hadelich and other lead musicians from the orchestra!



Students competing in the NZ Top Engineering Scientist Competition

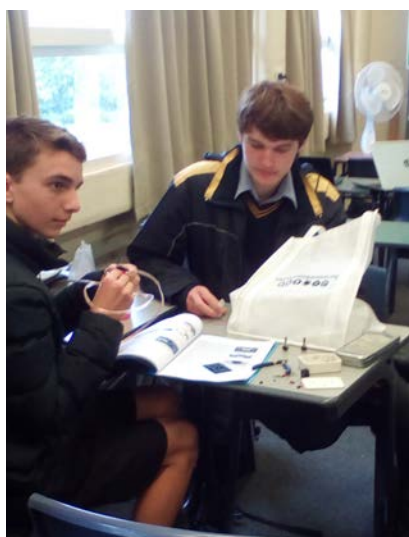


Junior Students at the Philosophy Conference

Mathematics



Spaghetti Challenge



Aquabots building



Circuits and Arduino programming



Jissen Gakuen

What an amazing time we had this year with the 29 students from our Sister School in Japan.

This Summer School exchange began in 1993 with an invitation for an exploratory visit, with a view to form a Sister School relationship and has been a success every year since. Only one year has been missed, which was due to the Christchurch earthquake in 2011; it was the same year that the devastating 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami struck Sendai, Japan. 15,896 deaths, 6,157 injured and 2,537 people missing!

This exchange would not be possible without the goodwill of the homestay families who enable these students to experience kiwi life and culture and practice their English.

Thank you again to all staff at MBC for accepting these young men into this College and your classrooms. This exchange enriches the cultural intelligence of the college and everyone's lives by celebrating our differences and similarities. We are especially proud of the MBC host brothers because you have encouraged caring and open mindedness in others.

Photo: Joseva with Naoki and Seiya.



Albatrosses and Science

While the Year 9 class was learning about the Air we breathe, the idea of how birds use air to glide came along. This sparked an idea to invite a local expert scientist on this topic to class. Mr Mike Bell, who is Managing Director of Wildlife International Management, was more than happy to share his knowledge not only of seabirds but of albatrosses in particular.

Mr Bell came to class and told students the interesting things he knows about the sea birds. Mr Bell described the method of tracking the albatrosses to see what they are up to while at sea and how the birds come to shore only to breed. He shared the interesting knowledge of how the birds sleep while flying to save energy and also how albatross mums fly so far away from shore to find suitable food for their offspring.

The following week Biz Bell, senior ecologist from Managing Director of Wildlife International Management, brought a young and an older albatross to demonstrate how autopsies are performed to the class. The students had a chance to see the inside of the birds, such as stomach, heart and lungs. They could see for themselves the enormous size of the bird's wings and see how the bird's throat opens to swallow large fish.

Students enjoyed this unusual and unique opportunity of real hands on science with passionate scientists.

Thank you to Mike and Briz from Wildlife International.

Mrs McKendry, Assistant Head of Science

