

Marlborough Boys' College



April 2019



*Left: Under 15 Octuple Sculls winner of the Bronze Medal and U18 Novice Double Sculls Silver Medal Winners - F. Vavasour and N. Maltesen
Photographs courtesy of Karmyn Ingram*



From the Principal

The second half of term 1 has been challenging for both our country and our school. Fatalities in both Christchurch and Marlborough were felt by staff, students and their families. We had 36 Pasifika boys and three staff in Christchurch during the tragedy.

Through this though students have continued to achieve with support from our staff and community members.

On the academic front Eric Bekker qualified for the final round of the International Chemistry Olympiad. Eric hopes to be one of three New Zealanders selected to travel to the Olympiad in France. Hamish Turner has been awarded a Business Scholarship trip to Vietnam through the Young Enterprise scheme.

There have been lots of leadership opportunities and our students have certainly stepped up.

The following boys were confirmed as Prefects - Ben Alexander, Jacob Babb, Damien Bolliger, Hunter Davies, Kaleb Donald, Alex Gasson, Finlay Gilmour, Felix Jackson, Harry Jackson, Sam Lee, Sam Lewis, Ben O'Sullivan, Connor Reed, Sam Smith, Lotu Solomona, Tristian Taylor, Bradley Thomas, Jamie Thomas, Hamish Turner, George Varney, Jack Wilkin and Jonty Zydenbos.

Our Head Boy Ben Alexander is currently on a Outward Bound School Leaders 21-day camp.

At our last assembly we acknowledged the upcoming Anzac Day. We honoured the members of Marlborough Boys' College staff and students who died in World War 1. At the Mayor's commemoration service on Anzac Day Ethan Attridge will be singing and Deputy Head Prefects Lotu Solomona and Jonty Zydenbos will lay the MBC wreath on behalf of our school community.

Luka van Rensburg, Adi Chowfin, Lennox Crowe, Sam Smith, Felix Jackson, Leon Poswillo, Jack Flynn were selected to represent Marlborough Youth on the Marlborough District Youth Council. The following Year 12 students undertook a leadership training programme in Wellington.



In the Arts, the Pasifika Group performed to the school community at the Mayoral Christchurch Commemoration Ceremony; the performance was what they would have presented in the cancelled Polyfest event in Christchurch. Sam Lee was a recipient of Inspire Foundation funding to support costs of working with the National Symphony Orchestra and Sam Lewis was chosen to attend the National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare festival. Sam's goal is to be selected to represent NZ and attend the Globe Theatre in London. William Sebstion won an award for stage presence and energy at the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare regional festival where Sam performed so well.

Sports continue to flourish, in sports week alone, we had students in 11 different codes competing in Regional, South Island and National events.

I thank all staff and community members who supported our students in this term. I wish to thank Adele and Mark Fyfe who donated a drum kit belonging to former old boy Andrew Simmons.

Wayne Hegarty

Principal



2019 PREFECTS

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 15 May

PTA Meeting

Friday 17 May

Pink Shirt Day/Mufti Day

Monday 20 – Tuesday 21 May

Shirley Boys' High Exchange

Wednesday 22 May

Junior Social

Thursday 23 May

Work Day

Thursday 30 May

Nelson Winter Exchange

31 May - 3 June

Mid-Term Break/Queen's Birthday

Thursday 13 June

The Big Sing

Monday 17 June

Careers Expo

Wednesday 19 June

Conference Day

Monday 24 – Friday 29 June

Top Art Presentation

Tuesday 25 June

Conference Day

Head Boy 2019

Kia ora,

The last 11 weeks of Term 1 have gone by in a flash! The prefect team and I have been working towards the overall goal of leaving a lasting legacy on Marlborough Boys' College. My personal goal as Head Boy is not only to make MBC a better place but to improve the culture within the college for all year levels.

Already Term 1 has seen the House BBQ's to introduce the Year 9 students and their parents to the team of prefects and the Y9 Nydia Bay camps, also attended by their House Prefects. It is great to see our Year 9 students are settling well in to college, and I enjoy meeting up with them as they make their way around the college.

The prefect team has worked hard this term and there is plenty more to come throughout the year that will definitely challenge us all. I am confident that with the team I have with me, 2019 will be a very successful year.

The sports prefects have been hard at

work with the organisation of the school athletics day, junior and senior swimming sports and the recent Senior Summerfest. This put the houses head to head in both Quick Rip, which is similar to Rippa Rugby, and Volleyball, which was hotly contested by all. With many more events planned for the rest of the year, a competitive year awaits in the world of house sport.

With Term 2 providing many more opportunities for our students to get involved in, it brings with it another chance for the boys to feel like they are part of this college and to meet new boys within their house. Our prefect team lead Cultural, Academic, Sporting and Pastoral activities and I am very excited for the year ahead with the organisation of many more events to come.

During three weeks in April, I am very fortunate to be attending the School Leaders course at Outward Bound, where I will challenge myself in situations that I have not faced before. The skills and understandings that I will gain from these 21 days will be with me forever and I wish to say a huge thank you to The First Light Foundation and Marlborough Boys' College for sponsoring me through this course.

Ben Alexander, Head Boy



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Rock Quest Entries Due:

7 May 2019

New Zealand Music Month:

May - Lunch time concert

Showcasing New Zealand music

No Girls Aloud Fundraising Concert:

Sunday 9 June, 2.30pm

St Andrews Church

Big Sing:

Thursday 13 June Nelson

Southern Jam:

7-9 August

Cultural Expo

This term we held a cultural expo for our year 9 students. This was an opportunity for students to see what was on offer at MBC in arts/music and culture. There were stations set up with information from each group including – Instrument tuition, Jazz Combo, Rock Band, Pasifika, Choir, Kapa Haka, Theatre Sports, Tech Club and Art groups. Students were free to look around and sign up. Multiple groups performed so the Year 9's could get an idea of what they could achieve. The expo was a great success with many students signing up.

We are always interested in what students want to learn or groups to start, so come see us in the performance music suite with ideas.



Senior Production

The Combined Colleges Production of 2019 is:

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Directed by Jeannie Mark

Auditions were held on the 22/23 March. We have cast the show with some very talented students. Rehearsals are underway for cast and orchestra and students are getting excited for the all-round fun and entertaining Mel Brooks comedy.

We are in need of helpers for the show backstage. If you would like to know more, please contact Ms Baxter

samantha.baxter@mbc.school.nz

Vocal Music

2019 is shaping up to be an exciting year for vocal music within the college. No Girls Aloud has begun practicing for the regional Big Sing Competitions which will be held in the recently refurbished Nelson School of Music, 13 June. We have welcomed several new members including two international students.

I am pleased to announce that Barbershop has started up again. Gary Bolles is an international barbershop trainer who spends six months in New Zealand and six months in the USA. He has spent over 50 years performing and tutoring numerous quartets and choruses all around the world. In 2002 he started a quartet at Tawa College called Musical Island Boys. Twelve years later Musical Island Boys won the International Quartet Championship for 2014 at the Barbershop Harmony Society's annual international convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. What made this even more remarkable was that this group of college students were competing against adult quartets. I am grateful that someone of Gary's calibre is willing to volunteer his time to tutor our young men.

As well as this I am still looking for year 9 and 10 students to join the junior choir, Marlborough Soundz. Anyone interested can see either myself or Ms Baxter in the music suite.

Finally, by the time this goes to press, we will have held auditions for the combined college's production of "Young Frankenstein", details of which will be covered in the Arts Coordinator's report.

Con O'Brien, Choir Director

Work Day



Thursday 23 May 2019

Time to think about getting a job organised.

If students choose to complete their Work Day during the term holiday or on a weekend, they will be permitted to take the day off from College on Thursday 23 May while other students work.

Last year's funds were spent on electronic student communication boards, outdoor seating upgrade and a new outdoor fitness area.

Win A GoPro 720P Waterproof Action Camera!!

First Prize to the Student who makes the Most Money on Work Day.

Plus many other prizes including vouchers and T shirts!

SPORTS UPDATE

Term 1 was very busy with sporting events with teams, completing all across New Zealand in eleven different codes in Regional, South Island and National Competitions.

The school swimming sports were held in term 2, the age group winners Year 9 - Joel Verran, Year 10 – Ollie Loza, Year 11 – Ollie Mandeno, and Senior – George Glover

On school Athletics day we saw some fantastic individual performances, as well as plenty of house spirit and competition. The individual winners at each age group were U14 Winner – Dale Arbuckle, U15 Winner – Jake Pacey/Ryan Sloper, U16 Winner – Fergus Greer/Toby Witehira, Over 16 Winner Lotu Solomona.

This led to the Tasman Athletics champs, where we were well represented with over 30 boys completing in Nelson; twenty boys qualified for South Island Champs in Dunedin. The boys who won their events were Cameron Collins in U19 100m, Fergus Greer in U16 1500m, James Hansen in U14 80m Hurdles, Jake Pacey in U15 Shot Put, Discus and Javelin. At the South Island champs Dale Arbuckle was 7th in the 800 metres and Rueben Dempster 9th in the 400 metres and 9th in the discus. James Hansen was third in the 80m hurdles, George Varney was 6th in the 1500m, after earlier winning the Buller U20 marathon. Joseph Brooks was 8th in the 100m and 6th in the 200m.

At the time of writing the Sailing Team were about to go off to compete at the Nationals as a composite team with MGC students. They were placed seventh in the Top of the South Island qualifying competition winning the silver fleet.



The MBC Tennis team; from left Jay Geris, Jack Winstanley, Torban Otway, Oscar Sandford-Jury and Jared Bell (at the new tennis facility Nga Puna Wai in Christchurch) They competed well at the Tasman champs resulting in a win against Nelson and also competed at the South Island champs and in Division 2 at Nationals.

Our Volleyball team have been busy competing in tournaments in Nelson, Christchurch, Blenheim and at the Nationals in Palmerston North. A highly competitive sport at secondary school level, the team has equipped themselves well and had some narrow losses to high calibre teams. The team ended up competing in Division 4 at the Nationals.

The Softball team travelled to Christchurch to compete at Nationals; the team went through pool play comfortably enough,

which was great because of how young they are. They just missed making the top 4 in NZ and finished a very credible 5th.

The Multi Sport team competed in both the Tasman and National Triathlon recently and the boys performed very well. Cam Anderson was first at the Tasman Champs and got third at the Nationals. Ryan Marfell won the Tasman Champs and was 9th at the Nationals. Fergus Greer won the Tasman Champs and was 8th at Nationals. Edan Fitzpatrick performed very well and was 3rd at the Under 18 Coast to Coast event in February.

The Touch Rugby team has had a very successful season, winning the Marlborough senior men's grade and at the South Island champs, the team played very well, winning their pool. The boys came fourth in the South Island Finals, with the boys going to the Nationals at end of year. Keelan Murrell made the NZ Under 18 Touch Elite Squad and Nikau Peipi made the NZ U16 Touch Elite Squad.



Our Rowing team competed at the MAADI cup at Lake Karapiro. Some good results were achieved. Overall MBC crews made seven A grade finals, winning a silver, bronze and two fourth placings. Silver was won by under 18 novice double Fred Vavasour and Nikolai Maltesen. Bronze was won by under 15 octuple sculls Hugh Straker, Rhys Salvador, Leon Poswillo, Ashley-James Fitzgerald, Dylan Burton, Sam Feltham, Mason Henderson, Levi McCauley-Bown, and Oliver Price (Coxswain), coached by Glynn Davies (MBC Old Boy who has also represented NZ in rowing).

The Waterpolo team went to Christchurch for the South Island Champs, achieving good wins over Shirley Boys and Christchurch Boys to finish 7th in the South island.

Tom Marshall has been called into the NZ Squash team to play Australia in April; we wish Tom all the best for his tournament.

Tom Lankshear was runner-up in the Tasman Secondary School lawn bowls singles competition.

The House Competition is well under way and at the time of writing this Ōpaoa are currently leading but it is very close between the four Houses. Lots of events are coming up next term.

For more information, results and photos check the school facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughBoysNews/>

The 1st XI Cricket team has had some very creditable performances this term. For the first time they played in the local senior 20/20 league and did well against the men. They performed very well against Nelson Boys' in the Gillette cup game, going through to the next stage to playing against four top schools in Central Districts. Joel Lavender was selected for the inaugural NZ Maori secondary school cricket team and played against a Prime Minister's XI.



Back row: Joel Pannell, Patrick Moran, Tom Leonard, Alec Dodson, Ben Holdaway, Will Sutherland

Front: Chris McMurtrie (coach), Aidan Lavender (captain), Cameron Collins, Ben Alexander, Joel Lavender, Kohri Brown, Ben Ivory-McCullum

PTA Uniform Shop

New Shop Hours

Term 2 – Term 4

Monday 1.30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 11am – 2.30pm

Friday 9am – 12.30pm

PED 300 Molesworth

The annual Molesworth cycle tour took place in March. Due to the fire risk, the high country road was actually closed, but re-opened again just four days before we were due to leave. The cycle consists of riding from Cob Cottage to Acheron on the first day. The second day we rode to the top of Jacks Pass before venturing for a while on the St James Cycle Trail, off the Rainbow Road. We then rode back to Acheron. The final day was a push back to the Cob Cottage at the start of the Molesworth.



The students completed the cycle tour carrying all their gear from tents to food, cookers and clothes and it is a totally self-sufficient tour. A support vehicle follows the tour in case of emergency but the students are responsible for maintaining their bikes and dealing with mishaps along the way. Thankfully we didn't have many. A few punctures, a couple of broken panniers and derailleurs. No broken bones, but a few grazes. The group were excellent in their efforts and also enjoyed a historical talk at the Acheron Cob Cottage by the DOC workers.



2019 School Trustees Triennial Elections Key Dates

Close Main Roll	Noon Wednesday 8 May 2019
Call for Nominations	Friday 10 May 2019
Close Supplementary Roll	Noon Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Election Day (Voting Closes)	Noon 7 Friday June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019

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Year 9 Camp

Nydia Bay

The Nydia Bay camps ran through February and into March in 2019 where six year 9 form classes attended the DOC lodge at Nydia Bay. We had amazing weather, top notch staff members and awesome students who all had a positive attitude towards what the camps are trying to achieve. Students got to experience many things including tramping, launch ride, kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, overnight camping, cooking their own meals, sport on the front lawn, spot light, triathlon, orienteering, team building, fishing, seafood harvesting, bush & marine studies, historical learnings and generally just having a great time in the outdoors. Nydia Bay is a special spot, sheltered and stunningly beautiful, the perfect place for our boys to attend their year 9 camp.

This year we achieved a 97% participation rate which we were extremely happy with. We thank teachers and parents for their support of students attending Nydia Camp. Our secondary goal was being able to develop student/student and student/teacher relationships. 87% of students and 100% of staff felt this goal was achieved.

We were obviously very disappointed with the sickness that occurred on camps and the closure of the lodge by DOC meaning our last two camps did not take place. Learning has taken place from these events and we feel better prepared if this was to occur in the future.

Thanks need to go to many people and groups. To the school's Board of Trustees, the Lions Foundation, the PTA, the Student Council, Senior Management, the Outdoor Education Department, Teachers, prefects, parents and students. Thank you very much for your support of Nydia Bay camps, we could not run this camp without you.

I wanted to finish with a quote from one of the staff members who attended the camp

"Nydia Camp is the best thing about the whole school- so important for the boys and the staff to do something outside of their norm and come together at the start of their school journey.

Seeing the boys in the outdoors, free from devices, tramping, getting to know staff better and remembering why we work in schools."



Mountain Biking

The Mountain Biking team completed in the South Island champs at Mt Hutt and as a team MBC did very well, placing second overall. Individual highlights were Under 14 Owen Bradley and Cam Anderson- 2nd, Under 15 Liam Nicholls 5th, Under 16 Cam Clemett 4th and Under 17 Jack Sheridan 3rd.



International Students



Business Challenge 2019



The Senior Te Reo class performing a Haka with the Hakuba High School students 'ngā mihi' (thank you)' and the Hakuba students and host brothers enjoyed their involvement with the Falcons Team practice.



During week 8 of term one, 40 Economics/Business Studies students attended the 3-day BP Business Challenge run by NZ Young Enterprise Trust. This program is an exceptional learning experience that motivates, excites and informs young New Zealanders about business and its potential as a life choice. Our students found it a valuable and enriching learning experience and found it an important part of their studies.

The BP Business Challenge is a one of a kind, hands-on learning event where students can develop their skills, get in front of business people and learn more about how a good business runs. Students from both Colleges learnt about starting and running a business, business planning process, how to create and pitch their own business plans and developed life and employability skills.

The winning team designed a service called Generation Homecare. Generation Home Care is a service which provides elderly in retirement homes an interactivity of any kind, whether it be listening to them reminisce of their past or joining them at bingo night.

Comments from three students who attended

"The BP Business challenge was a fun but challenging activity that gave you real life skills that you will use in future life. It was a good new experience to be able to work and compete with MGC. In future I would love to see more opportunities to work with them."
(Jack Unwin)

"The BP Business Challenge was the perfect environment to let ideas flow and learn real-life skills relating to the world of business. I enjoyed how the BP Business Challenge took the interactive classroom environment and blew it out of proportion, creating an all but flawless learning space. A perfect balance between fun, freedom and of course work." (Jack Flynn)

"The BP Business Challenge is one of the greatest ways on showcasing future business owners' potential in the real business world. The collaboration with the student Marlborough Girls' College made it better as in the business world, you always work with different people with different ideas." (Matthew Garcia)

Thank you very much to the five local business mentors (pictured with the winning team) who gave up their time to judge his valuable learning experience.



The New Zealand School of Winegrowing



The New Zealand School of Winegrowing had a very successful first year. Three students have returned to the NZSWG and are completing credits towards Level 3 and UE. We have 12 students this year, in both the year 12 and 13 course, including one MGC student.

The success of our first pilot year is also shown by one student who has gone into full time employment at Whitehaven. We also have another student who was accepted for a cadetship at Constellation and has had a write up in the Wine Press magazine.

Click on the link below to read all about her successful journey.
<https://www.nzwine.com/en/news-media/our-people-our-stories/katie-bruce/>

Rosanne Homewood

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