



Marlborough Boys' College Newsletter

July 2017



From the Principal

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou

Students have continued to show involvement and enjoy success in so many facets of school life during term 2. I have enjoyed watching winter sports teams during exchanges and competitions. I also enjoyed the Big Sing in Nelson. As I leave school at night it has been great to hear rehearsals for Evita. This is a must see and I hope parents and the community will support it. Lucas Baker's achievement in winning the English section and being runner up in the Māori section of the Top of the South Ngā Manu Kōrero competition is testament both to our programmes here and support being provided by his iwi and whānau. I commend those parents who came with their sons on Conference Days to discuss their progress and where to from here. During the term Galen McGinley was added to our Prefect group. This is a reward for his on-going leadership initiatives and support of leadership programmes.

During classroom observations this term, I have reflected on how different the classroom is to even five years ago, especially regarding ICT use. The nature of teaching and learning is certainly changing. Watching students on BYODs, in courses where they access their work and interact with their teacher through different platforms,

is a far cry from the past. In support of this, the Ministry of Education are funding staff of both MBC and MGC to further upskill in digital fluency. Staff have been involved in several professional development opportunities this term, some in conjunction with MGC staff. On day one, staff from both schools participated in "Write that Essay" workshops. Developed by educator and author Dr Ian Hunter, the programme provides techniques to improve writing ability across all areas of the curriculum. Involvement in the programme has been funded by the Board and the Jack Checkley Trust. During Workday, staff were involved in ICT and Restorative Practices workshops.

Lots of great things happening to support maximising the opportunities that will come from co-location.

All parents will receive a copy of the consultation paper and we look forward to any feedback you can offer. See page 4 for more information.

It has been good to observe staff utilizing the flexible learning spaces that have been constructed in Science and Art. The attitude of staff teaching in these areas has been very positive. Modifications at the top of A Block are to be completed by the end of the year to allow more staff to

teach, and more students to learn, in environments like what we will have in the new schools.

We have as a strategic goal for 2017 to have a wine school running in 2018 and I am excited by developments during the term. The programme will utilise both industry and Ministry of Education funding. It will run in 2018 as a level 2 course. In 2018, a level 3 programme, potentially in partnership with a tertiary provider, will be developed. The programme which has been developed by industry and school personnel, will be run in block courses of different time periods varying from hours to days in length. The goal is to have all students pass NCEA level 2 at the end of 2018. They will also have a variety of industry based qualifications that will place them in good stead to gain employment, whether it be fulltime or during holiday times in 2019 if for those students who return to study either within the wine school or back in a traditional Year 13 academic programme.

We have some staff changes occurring next term. Marguerite Fairweather has retired as cleaner after 20 years' service. Amanda Ellwood is moving to a position in Auckland after time at both colleges. Giles Lancaster, with his partner Karen Stewart, is moving to Rangiora after 17 years' service. We wish all leaving staff well and thank them for their contribution they have made to education in Marlborough.

Looking forward to term 3. On the academic front preliminary exams are in week 6. The consequences of not treating these seriously will hopefully remain vividly in the minds of young men whose exam performance or opportunity was affected by last years' earthquakes. Evita will be a highlight. Sports teams will be participating in Sports week competitions around the country and our sailing team will be competing in the Inter-Dominions School Team Sailing Championship in Melbourne. We have over 40 short-stay students coming from our sister school Jissen Gakuen, and from China and Korea. These students are in the school for between one week and one term. The first of the year 10 Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education camps run in term 3. The cost of these have been subsidized this year by the BOT.

W. Hegarty
Principal



NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL OF WINEGROWING

We are pleased to announce that we have received funding for the founding classes in NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL OF WINEGROWING for 2018. This programme is unique in it's focus and future in approach.

We have partnered with industry to develop a Year 12/Level 2 NCEA programme that will make its graduates highly employable, so that they can either go straight into employment at the end of the year or to move into a second Year 13/Level 3 programme, that will enable students to gain University Entrance, so that they can access higher education in or outside the Wine Industry.

We are holding an information evening on Thursday 27 July at 7:30pm in the MBC hall for all parents and students who wish to hear further details about the programme and ask questions. Places for the course are available and will be part of the curriculum handbook and subject selection process.

Photo from previous page: (From left) MBC Sailing team in Wellington - Nikolas Link, Iolo Adams, Toby Gregory, Jake Morris and Nick Williams



Winter Camp 2017

**Monday 28 August –
Friday 1 September**

Information and application forms have been sent home to parents of relevant Year 10 form classes. If your son wishes to attend Winter Camp please complete the application form and return as soon as possible to the Finance Department.

IMPORTANT DATES

August

- 1-5 Combined College
Production Evita
- 4-5 Otaki Scholar
Visiting
- 7-8 St Bedes' Exchange
- 15-16 St Patricks' Exchange
(Wellington)
- 25- 1 September
Senior Exam Week
- 28- 1 September
Year 10 Rotoiti Camp

September

- 4-8 Tournament Week
- 6 MBC Talent Quest
- 22 Senior Formal
- 28 (pm) Senior Conference Day
- 29 (pm) Senior Conference Day

The College's Daily Notices
are available via the quick link at
www.mymbc.school.nz

A Word from the Head Boy

The ability to be humble has been embedded into New Zealand's fundamental beliefs. We accept our winning accolades but do so with respect. Peter Burling is your classic Kiwi, and after his America's Cup winning run, never gloated once, and this makes us respect him even more. No matter how successful we Kiwis may be, it has been ingrained in our culture that we accept victory and stay quiet about it. This is what makes us who we are. I am a strong believer in being humble and not putting yourself out in the limelight on purpose, however, I do believe that we need to be proud of ourselves and what we have achieved. One of the hardest challenges I face every day, and I think all Kiwi's face as well, is being proud of ourselves. What I would like to see our boys learn, is to be proud of themselves and not be afraid to stand up and say "Hey! Look at what I've done! I'm amazing". It is a skill that I myself am yet to master and I believe that we would all benefit from it, as pride is such an overwhelming feeling that makes you feel awesome!



2017 has presented me with some amazing opportunities; a 21 day Outward Bound course and the Association of Boys' Schools of New Zealand conference in Wellington to name a couple. These were both awesome challenges that I am thankful for. I was able to stargaze while rowing the Endeavour 3 cutter at 9 pm at night in the Marlborough Sounds, tramp for 17 hours straight and rub shoulders with New Zealand's finest male leaders. It is safe to say that 2017 has been an amazing year so far, and it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through! However, the second half is kicking off soon and I couldn't look forward to it more. I encourage boys to take part in every opportunity that they're presented with for the rest of this year, as this will be their only shot. Best of luck to all boys in their preliminary exams and I trust you all have a safe and good term break!

Seth Robinson
Head Boy 2017



Royal Fellowship

We congratulate Ms McKendry, who has been awarded a prestigious teaching scholarship by the Royal Society of New Zealand. This is an independent government body with the goal of fostering the encouragement, promotion and recognition of excellence in Science and Technology. As a result of the scholarship, Ms McKendry will be on leave from her teaching duties for terms 3 and 4. The scholarship will benefit our students over the years to come and the placement will enhance the learning opportunities for our students, as well as the local scientific community.

We are pleased to have appointed Ms Aitken, who previously taught at the college for a number of years and who is a science specialist. She will also take over Ms McKendry's Form Class.



At MBC we are working with students to help them develop skills that enable them to interact with each other and adults in a positive way. Sometimes described as 'Relational Practice' we are using Restorative Practice to help build positive relationships with others. Boys are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour and work with others to ensure a positive environment, in which learning is key.

"The essence of Restorative Practice is disarmingly simple: that human beings are happier, more productive and more likely to make positive changes in their behavior when those in positions of authority do things with them, rather than to them or for them." Adapted from Watchel, 2004

Restorative practice at MBC can be seen in the encouragement of the school's values of Respect,

Involvement, Pride and Responsibility through daily interactions. Staff may also work with students to seek solutions to any issues that arise and Deans could be called upon to mediate meetings to help facilitate students and/or staff in developing strategies to ensure successful management of a dispute that may have arisen.

Restorative practice ensures all concerned are involved in developing solutions to any conflict that may develop. In a standard meeting, all those involved in a situation are given an opportunity to explore what has happened and then any outcome/consequence is agreed upon. This may mean Whānau are invited to a conference and asked what they would like to see as a positive outcome to a situation.

If you would like more information on Restorative Practice the following sites are helpful in providing further insight: <http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/PB4L-Restorative-Practice>
<http://www.restorativeschools.org.nz/restorative-practice>

New School/Co-location Update

Exciting work is underway exploring what secondary education could look like in Marlborough, to reflect the aspirations of our community and help our students to achieve locally and globally in the future. What we learn will contribute to our Education Briefs and Vision for Learning that will inform the design of the new Co-located Colleges due to be in operation from 2021.

As part of this work recently, we have had staff visit new schools across New Zealand and held consultation meetings and workshops with various sector groups and leaders in our community. At the workshops, participants from different sector groups (including primary school students) are being asked to discuss their aspirations around the following questions:

- What qualities, skills and competencies do we want our current and future learners to develop?
- What could the learning spaces and/or facilities look like to support our aspirations for our learners in our co-located Colleges?
- How can you or your group contribute towards the achievement of these aspirations for our current and future learners?

The initial responses will be used to develop a base consultation document for wider consultation (including public meetings) in term 3. Much more information about the new school planning is available in our latest [Co-location Newsletter](#) Also...watch this space for the launch of our co-location website!



Community Leaders taking part in our initial workshop

Evita

Time to start booking those tickets for the Combined College's Production.

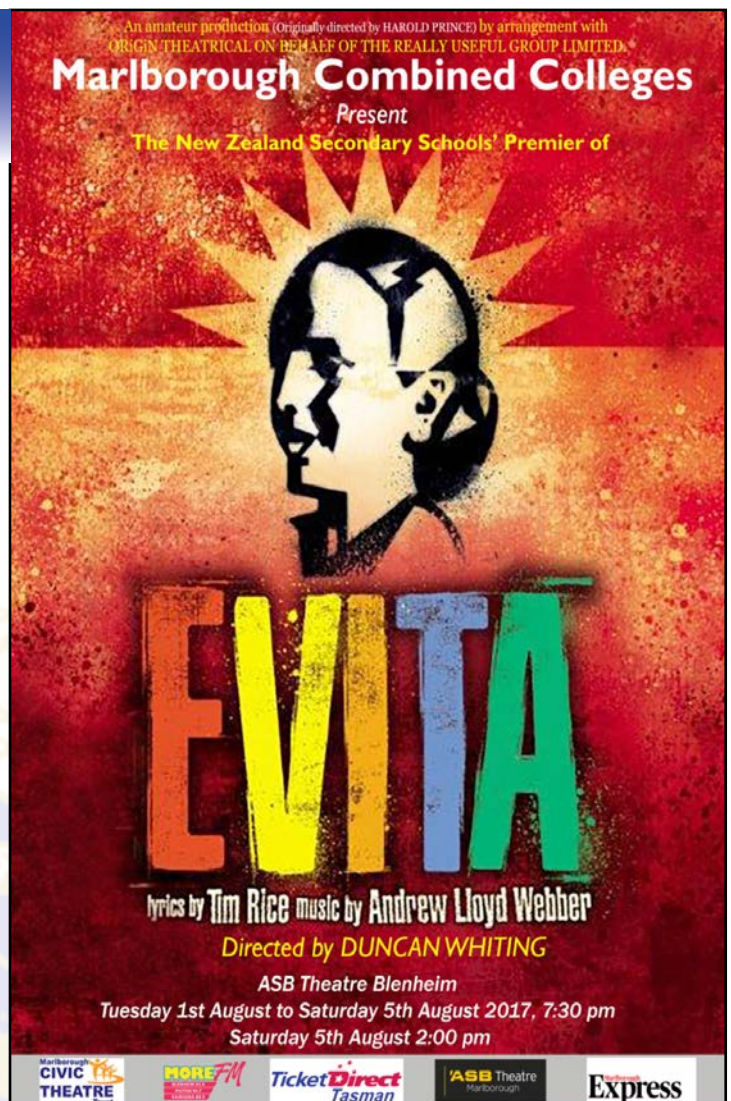
We have a group of over 60 students now involved in producing this wonderful musical – a talented cast of actor/singers supported by a technical crew, musicians, back stage crew and front of house personnel.

Wardrobe and make up teams are getting organised behind the scenes. Marlborough Colleges have a proud tradition of producing high quality theatrical performances with support from many people in the wider community and Evita promises to be up there with the best of them. Spread the word and start getting your teams of supporters together. Be prepared for a great night out which showcases the diverse talents of so many of our young people.

Show dates: Tuesday 1 August - Saturday 5 August at 7.30pm with a matinee at 2.00pm on Saturday 5 August.

Tickets are available on line: www.ticketdirect.co.nz or www.asbtheatre.com or from the booking office at the ASB Theatre phone (03) 5208558

Ticket sales for opening night are already filling up so get in now.



The Big Sing

The Nelson/Marlborough regional final of this year's Big Sing, held in Nelson on Friday 16 June, was a successful and enjoyable occasion for all those who took part.

As the majority of this year's MBC group were juniors who had not been involved in previous festivals, the decision was made to participate on a non-competitive basis. This meant rehearsing a slightly smaller repertoire of songs and rebranding the choir as

Marlborough Soundz. Several senior boys from the school's elite choir No Girls Aloud acted as mentors for the juniors and supported them throughout the day. The boys performed two numbers, "Nō Ihu", a traditional round with text by Con O'Brien, and a very moving rendition of "Bring Him Home" from Les Misérables with Bryce Blackmore featured as soloist. A number of proud parents made the journey to attend the Gala Concert held in the evening

in Nelson's Cathedral. We received many flattering comments about the standard of our choir's performance.

An important part of this annual competition is the camaraderie that builds among the students taking part and the wonderful support the students from all the Marlborough Colleges give to each other in competition against those from Nelson and Motueka.

Hopefully one result of such an enjoyable day will be the continued involvement of the juniors and the redevelopment of a strong senior choir in the years ahead.

Margaret Pringle
Choir Manager



Marlborough Careers Evening



The Marlborough Careers Evening was held on Monday 19 June. Forty-one providers from universities, polytechnics, industry training organisations (ITOs) and the local business sector attended. Marlborough students and parents came out in droves to seek advice on the various career options available. We received a lot of positive feedback from both providers and parents. The providers again commented that it is always a very well organised event with great turnout and a very engaged crowd. A big thank you to parents and caregivers who either accompanied or arranged for their son to attend.

Top: Constable Dean Buckley talking to Nasili Pani about joining the Police Force

Bottom: (Left-Right) Raewyn Draper, Claire Matthews, Adrienne Kircher and Gail Fletcher setting up for the careers evening

Preparing for University/Polytechnic

Those considering going to University can start doing some tasks that will save them time. Every student must prove that they are eligible to study in New Zealand. To do this they must produce a verified copy of their passport. To verify any document, you need to present the original and the photocopy to an authorised agent. The service is free. The verification can be done at the Court House, any Lawyers office, a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public Official. The document tertiary providers are looking for is your New Zealand Birth Certificate or Passport. At the same time, you could get a verified copy of your bank details, IRD number and proof of address for your Student Loan. Students will be required to give proof of identity several times to different agencies so it would be efficient to get 3 copies verified.

Start working on your statement for the Hlls of Residence Application. This can also be handed in when you return your Record of Achievement cover sheet. We will staple this. An alternative is to email it to me as a google doc so that I can edit it. My address is gailf@mbc.school.nz

Revise for exams! You need to have a revision schedule written, that details what you are going to revise and when. Make sure that you allow time for internal assessments and class work. Put the schedule in a prominent place so that it reminds you to follow through on what you planned.

For those going to leave school to go to work, the holidays would be a good chance to get a CV constructed. This should be concise and give details of what work you have done, listing the most recent first, who your employer was and a brief outline of the duties you performed.

Work on your driver's licence. Most employers want their new employees to have at least a Restricted Licence.

Check your Record of Learning. The general rule of thumb for an apprenticeship is NCEA Level 2.



Sports Report

Winter sports have been in full swing this term as the “exchange season” kicked into gear. The Shirley Boys exchange was once again a successful fixture, with a significant amount of boys representing our school across a number of codes; including Football, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball and Water Polo. With each school winning four games, it was an excellent exchange and a great experience for the boys.

The Nelson Boys’ exchange was competed for with its usual rivalry, but the spoils went to Nelson this year. The two highlights of the exchange were the 1st XI Hockey team securing a 4 – 3 win, and the U15 Rugby team winning 31 – 5.

The Waimea exchange was played over three codes – Basketball, Football and Hockey. Waimea took out the exchange this year, with convincing wins in Basketball and Rugby.

The 1st XV Rugby team continues to play in the UC Crusaders Secondary Schools Competition. It has been an up and down season to date. There have been losses against St Andrews and Nelson, with wins against Shirley, Waimea, Rangiora, and Aoraki combined. Hopefully the remainder of the season will be successful and they can make the top four. Several boys were invited to attend the Crusaders Secondary Schools training camp – Nigel Satherley, Jaydn Holdaway, Vailua Kaloni and Jack Shadbolt. Good luck to these boys as they press to make the Crusaders Secondary Schools’ team.



Nigel Satherly with ball and Liam Duncan in support

The Senior Basketball team, which is a young team, has been playing in the local competition and they have had some close losses against Shirley and Nelson. They are currently building towards the South Island Tournament.

MBC Squash teams have been training hard towards Tasmans, SISS and Nationals. At the time of writing, the A team finished second at the Tasman Champs with the other two teams also doing well. We have two teams going to SISS and Nationals, with both teams competing in the open boys draw. This is credit to MBC with the depth of talent in Squash. Our A team comprised of Harry Pine, Eddie Poswillo, Lukas Martin, Ricky Wirepa, Duncan Ford and Tom Boyce. We wish them all the best for their upcoming tournaments.

The Water Polo team won the local senior competition and took care of Shirley in the exchange; their next school fixture is against St Bedes in the exchange.

The 1st XI Football team has made a great start to the season, winning against Shirley and Nayland and drawing with Waimea. The team has also qualified for the premier tournament in Napier.

Junior Football have been training hard, and have played against Nelson and Waimea but most of their games to be played in Term 3.

Badminton sent two teams over to Nelson to compete at the Tasman Champs – where they competed admirably, with the top team finishing second.

The 1st XI Hockey team plays in the local competition on Friday nights. This is a young team which has had some good results so far this year, including wins over Nelson and Shirley. Things are looking promising for their tournament in the North Island early next term.

Both Tasman swimming and Tasman cross country happened this term where we had a number of top 10 finishes.

Our sailing team has been selected to represent NZ in the Inter Dominion team Sailing competition against the top three Australian schools in Melbourne next term.

Our Underwater Hockey team went to a Junior National qualifying event in Wellington and did really well for such a young team. With all players Year 9 or younger, the team was always up against it, but the future looks bright. The highlight was beating Wellington High School 5-3.

Our Table Tennis team went to the Tasman champs with the A team finishing third and B team finishing fifth out of 16 teams.

We have had some individuals we need to celebrate who have achieved highly in their sports. Chris Grammer got second at the National Secondary School Multi Sport championships in Rotorua; William MacDonald has been selected in Junior Black Socks Softball team – NZ under 19. Also in Softball, Ethan Jones, Campbell Gill, Jason Clyde and Christian Marshall-Farrow have been selected in the South Island U17 team to travel to Australia, with Braden Healy who will captain the side.

Next term we have the St Bede’s exchange and Winter Tournament Week, where we will have several teams away throughout the country competing at their national tournaments. Good luck to all winter codes in the lead up to the business end of their seasons!

The school Facebook page is updated regularly with results and photos, go check it out https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughBoysNews/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Josh Harrison
IC Sports



Host families for International Students

In term 3 Marlborough Boys' College is hosting 33 students from the Jissen Gakuen High School in Tokyo, Japan. This is part of an annual exchange which has taken place very successfully since 1992. Students are also hosted by the Marlborough Girls' College at the same time and there are some combined school events.

MBC encourages all our students to become involved with as many areas of school life as possible. We are looking for year 9 and 10 boys to billet students from Jissen Gakuen. If you have bedroom space for one or two students for one week from 30 August, leaving Wednesday 6 September we would like to hear from you. This sort of experience can build confidence for Junior students as they get involved and share their NZ life with an International Student. MBC

is also hosting five Korean students for eight weeks, two Chinese Students for four weeks and two Jissen Gakuen Students for Term 3.

If you choose to be a homestay host family, we will provide a profile of the particular student you would be hosting and practical guidelines to help you host an International Student.

These students have all learnt English and this experience will encourage them to speak and learn everyday English Language with their host family.

Please contact Fiona Mark, International Administrator, 5780119 ext 2106, or email fionam@mbc.school.nz for any queries and information required.



First XI Football

The first XI have qualified for Nationals. Having beaten Shirley Boys' 7-3 in the annual exchange and winning a friendly warm up against a local Senior Division one side, the team were confident about the upcoming Tasman Qualifications. Nelson first up didn't go to plan and a 6-0 loss over the hill provided a good deal of insight into the level of play needed against a side.

The second game against Nayland saw a 6-0 win away from home which left MBC requiring a draw or better against Waimea to finish second in Tasman and gain automatic entry to the Nationals. An exciting game ensued, with Waimea having the ascendancy in the first half through the midfield. Waimea scored in the twenty fifth minute, but MBC fought back in the last quarter of the game managing to equalise with two minutes left on the clock.

Next term the side are looking forward to playing St Bedes and Rangiora before heading to Napier for Tournament week in September.

G. Pugh
Football Coach



Phurim Paensuwan kicking the ball, with Harrison Pine in support against Nayland College

Top of the South Secondary School's Special Olympic Swimming

Nine members of the Marlborough Boys' College's Special Olympics swimming squad competed in Nelson on Wednesday 15 March against other schools from the top of the South. All our boys performed well in their events with a couple of really exciting finishes. Allan Fuge, Rorie Kearse, Jared O'Neil swam for us in the 4 x 25metre freestyle relay with Jack Bugler bringing us home with a close finish for second.

Ann
McNicholl
Special
Education



Back Row: Jack Bugler, Tyrone Emmerson, Jack Mitchell, Jarrod Temaro, Jared O'Neil

Front Row: Jack Boyce, Rorie Kearse, Josh Cooke, Juan Pilapil
Allan Fuge absent from the photo

Mathletics

The Mathematics Faculty is delighted with the use of the web site and learning resource called "Mathletics". Not only are boys working towards gaining certificates by earning a minimum of 1000 points each week, they are also developing their Mastery of Mathematics, and it is good to see that over 60% of the boys are getting Mastery with Gold Bars (over 85% correct in each task). So far, we have given out more than 800 certificates (an increase of 550 since last term) made up from over 1.7 million participation points from just under 2000 hours of activity. That is an average of 4.5 hours (2 hrs in Term 1 and 2.5 hours this term) per student improving their knowledge online each week. The average improvement is an awesome increase of 13% just by using Mathletics.

Each boy in classes that are participating in the Mathletics programme has been issued, by their mathematics teacher, their individual user name and password. Please get your son to share this information with you and keep the password safe – it is valid until the end of January 2018. Follow your son's progress on Mathletics then register as a parent, for free, by going to the website <http://nz.mathletics.com/parents/signin/>. You will be required to enter your son's username and password in order to gain parental ID and access to the site.

We hope that your son enjoys and benefits from using this website and that you enjoy encouraging him to collect certificates and gold bars along the way. No longer is there an excuse of 'no homework'!

Many thanks for your support,
The Mathematics Faculty



SUMDOG



A number of our boys have been using the SUMDOG programme to boost their Mathematics skills. This is a fantastic website and phone/tablet app that allows our boys to improve on their mathematical skills in a fun and challenging way.

Of the small group of boys participating, most of them have worked through their diagnostic results and their teachers are helping them along. They have also started to earn coins which translate into Ara Tika dollars.

If the boys log in via <http://myMBC.school.nz> then they will not have to type in the school name when logging in. You can learn more at <http://www.sumdog.com/en/parents/about-using-SumDog-for-your-whole-family>.



Many thanks for your support
The Mathematics Faculty

All senior Statistics students had a day in school this term running their experiments for Level 2 and 3 NCEA Achievement Standards.

The experiments investigating ideas such as whether stretching really does improve flexibility, how much impact texting has on driving and whether music increases academic performance.

The boys demonstrated their fantastic collaborative skills on the day and followed each other's instructions good-naturedly, even though some of them required a healthy amount of exercise and stretching into all sorts of contorted positions.

The teachers of the classes really enjoyed their time with the boys and were very impressed by their efforts. Well done to you all!



Above: Perfecting the football pass - does practice make perfect?

Left: Samuel Hayman and Jed Ridgway investigating the effect of texting whilst driving.



Experiments Day

MBC HISTORY CLASSICS TOUR 2017 - QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to the following Sponsors/
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Arbour

Hive Bay Honey

Alex Kenny Design



The Formal Friday 22 September 2017

The Combined Marlborough Colleges' Formal for Year 12 and 13 will be held on Friday 22 September. Permission letters will go to all parents of senior students, setting out expectations for attending the Formal.

To be eligible to buy a ticket, Year 12 and 13 students must have:

- No unexplained absences
- Have an up-to-date record of academic work
- A pastoral record of good behaviour
- Senior Work Review showing positive attitude and progress to learning



Attendance

Regular attendance is vitally important to a student's success, and parents/caregivers are asked to ensure that absences are kept to an absolute minimum. When a student is absent from school, his parent/caregiver must phone the school as early as possible.

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- 24 hour answerphone option on 5780119. Please leave a clear, slow message with the pupils name, form and reason, plus your relationship to the pupil. The absence answerphone is for parent/caregivers use only – students may not phone for themselves.

- Text 3255 with the keyword MBCA
- Email attendance@mbc.school.nz
- School app

Extended medical absences longer than three days require a medical certificate.

Planned absences- Notification is required in writing prior to the event to the Attendance Officer. We cannot approve such absences but they do allow us to better support the student. It should be noted that students who are absent from aspects of assessment tasks for NCEA internally assessed credits, cannot be given estimated grades.

Notifying parents

The school uses txtstream to inform you if your son/ward is marked absent for his formtime and first class of the day. You will receive a text/email informing you of this. We request that you reply to this text/email. You can also track your son's attendance "live" by logging into the Parent Portal.



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