

Marlborough Boys' College

July 2019



From the Principal

Nga mihi mahana ki a kotou

No Girls Aloud performing at the 'Big Sing' in Nelson

The second half of term two remained very busy as the school focused on promoting a "let's get on with things/business as usual" approach. Student academic endeavours for many, were balanced by involvement in many co and extra activities including workday, the Careers Expo, exchanges with Shirley Boys', Nelson College and Waimea, other sporting opportunities and the Big Sing.

I commend all those parents and whanau who attended Conference Days. There is no doubt in my mind that there is generally a positive correlation between parent interest and achievement in education.

Jeremy Marshall and I travelled to Christchurch with staff from other Marlborough and Nelson schools to look at new post-earthquake buildings. Of greater importance to me was observing the school cultures and the teaching and learning and programmes going on inside the classrooms. We visited St Thomas of Canterbury, Rangiora High, Rolleston College, Shirley Boys' and Avonside Girls'. Another group of staff travelled to New Plymouth Boys' and Rototuna on the outskirts of Hamilton. In all these schools, new builds have prompted changes in the focus not only of what is taught, but also how it is taught. There were varying degrees of open plan design – I personally favour the flexible units we have developed. Most schools had varying forms of integration of subjects especially in the junior school and timetabled time where what parents might refer to as life skills, are studied. Several also had a focus on a passion project that students chose for themselves. There were variations in period lengths and times of lunch-hours. Variations such as shorter lunchtimes and longer periods which reduce movement interaction had behaviour management as well as learning considerations.

In term 3 we will focus on planning for integrated classes where two or more subject teachers plan a curriculum together; having some two-term semester courses as well as year-long courses, investigate an increase in the life skills type component of the curriculum and other new curriculum options designed to increase student motivation. There are some interesting trials of integrated programmes happening this year and the goal is to extend these next year.

Term 3 will have several highlights for different groups of students – the senior production, Southern Jam, St Bedes exchange, winter tournament week, semi-formal and formal. Term 3 is also our biggest term for our international student programme, and we are still short of homestays. The groups are from different countries and their length of stay vary from one week to ten. See page 6 for more information.

I hope families will also support Young Frankenstein. From what I have seen of rehearsals, it will be another amazing combined college production.

Finally, term 3 has the derived grade assessment week. The exams sat in this week provide an opportunity to experience what is to come at the end of the year, to check current understanding of content and to most importantly provide a measure of performance in case students are absent from exams at the end of the year through sickness. The grade they will be given if legitimately absent, will be derived from the grade they achieve during the term 3 exam week.

Wayne Hegarty

LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees mid-term elections were recently held. The new board is now comprised of:

Sturrock Saunders	Chairman
MJ Loza	Parent Representative
Geoff van Asch	Parent Representative
Steve Wilkes	Parent Representative
Callum Anderson	Parent Representative
Lynette Rayner	Co-opted
Johnny Joseph	Co-opted, Maori Representative
Deborah Cave-Higgins	Staff Representative
Jacob Collins	Student Representative

Congratulations to Steve, Callum and Deborah; our newly elected members to the Board.



**SPIRIT OF
ADVENTURE
TRUST**

TE WAKA HIRINGA TANGATA

Last week, ten boys travelled to Auckland to take part in the 5-Day trophy voyage aboard Spirit of NZ. The five days were full of fun competitions against three other schools – Wairarapa College, Tauranga Girls and Mercury Bay Area School. Each morning began with a swim at 6.30am and culminated in a quiz and night watch each night. The boys all really enjoyed the trip with the highlights being the wildlife seen – dolphins, wallabies and an albino peacock on Kawau Island.



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31 July - 3 August
Senior Production
5-6 August
St Bede's Exchange
7-9 August
Southern Jam
Wednesday 7 August
Year 10 Market Day
Tuesday 13 August
Year 8 Information Evening
Friday 23 August
Teacher Only Day
23-30 August
Derived Grade Exams
23-31 August
Jissen Gakuen
Saturday 14 September
Senior Formal
Thursday 26 September
Cultural Prizegiving
26-27 September
Senior Conference Day

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TOP ART

ACHIEVEMENTS

'Top Art' is an annual touring exhibition featuring a selection of the NCEA Level 3 portfolios that achieved Excellence in Visual Art in the previous year. Five streams are covered: design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

'Top Art' provides an opportunity for secondary students and teachers to gain an understanding of what is required to achieve Excellence at Level 3. It also allows members of the public to see the high quality art being created in schools.

The exhibition schedule provides locations, dates and contact details for each leg of the exhibition.

Images of the Top Art portfolios can be viewed through our Top Art Facebook page. See the links below for specific streams. Note that you do not have to be a member of Facebook to view the page or images.

Images for each year's exhibition are uploaded in early March for Design - Painting - Photography - Printmaking - Sculpture.

Once again, a student from Marlborough Boys' College, has had their work included in this prestigious exhibition.

Jake Olding, a Year 13 photography student in 2018, has his portfolio 'The Bright Side'.

Plans for 2019: "Take a gap year, save money. I've recently purchased a new camera to further my photography and hope one day to build my career around this."

Information about my work: Ideas/Concepts/Themes – "...It revolves around 'light' through an exploration of reality vs illusion and perspective."

Techniques/Processes/Materials – "...Some work is pure creativity and involves both photography and projection..."

The Top Art 2019 tour is proudly sponsored by OfficeMax.



Jake Olding Level 3 Excellence



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Presentation of Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

From left Mark Anderson (Teacher in Charge), George Glover, Jude Anderson, Jed Washer, Thomas Loza and Jack Clerke (QCC), Mayor and Mayoress

National Tycoon Champion

Connor Graham was first in the New Zealand in Tycoon Games, beating 399 others to win. The competition was run by Joy Business Academy and was a Ministry of Business, Innovation and Enterprise supported event. Connor specialised in Tech Tycoon, gaining the highest score by developing a virtual product within the game. MBC had several other students excel; most notably, Anthony Truong was third in NZ overall. MBC students from Mr Clark's Year 10 Social Studies class and Mrs Thomas's Year 10 Financial Management class competed. Of schools with more than ten students entered, MBC was the best. Well done young Marlborough Men!



Year 10 Social Studies
Year 11 Economics
Lunchtime 1.20-2pm
Wednesday 7 August 2019
in the School Hall



CAREERS

Marlborough Careers Evening

Another successful Careers Evening was held on Monday 17 June at Marlborough Lines Stadium 2000 with around 835 people attending. The evening provides a platform for students to increase their knowledge base on specific careers, speak one-to-one to experienced people from the industries, and see how many options are accessible within New Zealand. There were representatives from universities, polytechnics, private training organisations and industry training organisations. Also, local businesses attended to showcase the opportunities that are available within our region.



Leaving school at the end of the year?

Now is a good time for year 13 students to plan for their transition out of MBC. Thank you to the parents who came to the evening we ran on the process of applying for accommodation, scholarships and the Marlborough Boys' College document, the Record of Achievement. While most of what we covered was more relevant to tertiary study, the Record of Achievement is a document that students can use when applying for a job or to get into the Armed Forces.

The first step in the process is to complete the survey monkey form that has been emailed to all Year 13 students. This requires students to nominate seven teachers and/or coaches who can talk about your son. There is a space for students to write a statement about themselves. I would encourage students to take this opportunity as they will have to do this when applying for a Hall of Residence or Scholarship. After they have completed the survey monkey, teachers will then be sent an electronic form to fill out about the student. In the meantime, students need to list all school based activities they have been involved in. These need to be verified by the teacher in charge. Students who want a paper copy of the document will then be asked to pay \$30.00 to the school office. The paper copies will be presented at the graduation of the class of 2019.

Students who intend to have a gap year must go through the process as well. Teachers leave school and we are busy with the next cohort of students and it becomes an unnecessary burden for our department to find the people who can talk about your son. Other ways we can help those who are leaving is to assist in producing a CV and cover letter.

GATEWAY

The end of the second term sees the completion of a very busy time with the Gateway programme.

There are 38 students who have now commenced their Gateway placement gaining valuable hands-on work experience in their chosen trade. Only a few positions are still available, so if you are interested, pick up an application form from Mrs Matthews in the Careers Office.

Also our sincere thanks to the Employment Support Marlborough Trust for providing major sponsorship of our Driver Education Programme run by Eddie van der Westhuizen in conjunction with the Careers Department.



Pictured: Jayson Buckingham on Gateway placement at Crown Sheetmetal

ARTS



Senior Production The Combined Colleges Production 31 July - 3 August

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Directed by Jeannie Mark

The Young Frankenstein cast have been hard at work, rehearsing for this monster comedy. They have now started rehearsing with the orchestra who have also put in hours of practice to be able to play this jazzy big band music that will have you dancing in your seat. Tickets are on sale now via Ticketek. Don't miss out on your chance to see this new Mel Brooks musical.

THE BIG SING

The Marlborough Boys' College Choir 'No Girls Aloud', competed in the Nelson/Marlborough Big Sing regional competitions held in Nelson. The Big Sing is a national choir competition involving over 9000 singers from secondary schools all around Aotearoa. This year the Nelson/Marlborough region had nine choirs competing. No Girls Aloud performed very well and received good criticism from the adjudicator. Ms Song accompanied the choir with her usual flair and finesse and Ms Baxter (our choir manager) ensured that everything ran smoothly.

BRASS ENSEMBLE

The MBC Brass Ensemble led by Jack Banks and tutored by Kevin Mosley, consists of four musicians, Jack Banks on First Cornet, Luka van Rensburg on Second Cornet, Fred Duncan on Baritone and Leon Kendall on Tenor Horn. The ensemble has a growing repertoire of music which they perform at school events and regional competitions including this year's

Nelson Marlborough West Coast Brass Band contest in Nelson. They competed in the Junior Ensemble category and were placed first. The group are also preparing to travel to Hamilton in July for the National Brass Band competition.

CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP

This year, Samuel Lee and his chamber music group Choirs Semper (with Michelle Brown and Iona Panaho) travelled to Nelson to compete in the Chamber Music New Zealand regional rounds for the Secondary Schools Chamber Music competition. This is an opportunity for many school students to get together and form chamber music groups to compete for money and prizes. Unfortunately, they didn't take out the top prize with their pieces for four violins and piano by Shostakovich, but were rewarded with a highly commended and the opportunity to play at famous jazz pianist Francesco Turissi's concert last Sunday.



Michelle Brown, Samuel Lee and Iona Panaho

Samuel Lee is heading to Wellington on 30 June to participate with the National Youth Orchestra. Following a week of rehearsing, the National Youth Orchestra will perform in Wellington and Auckland. Following this, Samuel will be travelling to Adelaide for the Youth ANZAAS.

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS BRASS BAND

Congratulations to Jonty Zydenbos, Myles Shearer and Jack Banks who have been selected in the 2019 National Secondary Schools Brass Band Competition.

SPORT

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 number of boys representing our school across a number of codes; including football, rugby, hockey, and basketball. We had a successful exchange winning 8 out of 9 games, but as usual a great experience for the boys.

The Nelson Boys' exchange was competed for with its usual rivalry. Unfortunately Nelson came away with the title this year.

Rugby - The 1stXV rugby team continues to play in the UC Crusaders Secondary Schools Competition. It has been difficult season to date after a good pre season with wins against Wellington College and St Patrick's College, and more recently wins against Shirley and Mid Canterbury. Hopefully the remainder of the season will be successful and they can make the top 8.

Mountain Biking - Mountain biking had a very successful event coming second place out of 65 schools. We had seven boys representing Marlborough Boys' and all had placings.

Basketball - The senior basketball team, which is a young team, has been playing in the local competition and they have had some good games including a win over Shirley. They are currently building towards the South Island Tournament.

The junior team is competing in the Nelson competition.

Squash - MBC squash teams have been training hard towards Tasman's, SISS and Nationals. At the time of writing this, the A team came second in the Tasman Champs with our other team coming fourth. We have two teams going to both SISS and Nationals, with both teams competing in the open boys draw. Tom Marshall and Chris Hebberd have also been nominated for the Year 9/10 NZSSSA Team to compete in the Trans Tasman Tournament. We wish them all the best for their upcoming tournaments.

Underwater Hockey - Underwater hockey just came back from the NISS where they came second in their pool and third in their grade which is a massive achievement. They now qualify for the Schools National Tournament in September.

Football - Junior football have been training hard, but most of their games are played in Term 3. They have had two wins against Nelson and Waimea, but lost to Shirley.

Badminton - Badminton sent two teams over to Nelson to compete at the Tasman Champs – where they competed admirably, with the top team finishing second in their pool and fifth overall.

Hockey - The 1st XI Hockey team plays in the local competition on Friday nights. This is a young team which has had some excellent results so far this year. They had won all their exchange games against Nelson, Waimea and Shirley. Things are looking promising for their tournament in Term 3. The MBC U18 Hockey Rep team won the Stirling Memorial Cup which we haven't won in 23 years.

Sailing - Our sailing team had an exceptional performance at the Nationals. They were awarded one out of three spots for the Open Class at the Interdominions to be held at Hobart during July.

UC Championship Player Profile



Earlier this year University of Canterbury asked UC Championship and UC Cup team coaches/managers to nominate a player who showed commitment to their team and their studies, has leadership qualities, and contributed to their local community.

Oliver Lawson was nominated and will feature, along with others nominated by their teams, on the BNZ Crusaders website.

2019 Host Families Required Short Stay International Students

We still require home stay host families who can provide a comfortable, safe and welcoming temporary home to visiting International Students. In term 3 we are hosting short and long term International Students from Japan, South Korea and China.

A weekly financial payment is made. To comply with Government legislation, all home stay hosts will be police vetted.

For more information please email fiona.mark@mbc.school.nz or phone MBC 5780 119 Ext 2106 or email sandra.yarrall@mbc.school.nz or office@mbc.school.nz

