



WEEK

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Principal's Message



Tena koutou kaloa.

Last month I spent a week in Shanghai as part of the New Zealand Education Week delegation to the Shanghai Expo. There were five principals from schools involved in the teaching of Mandarin in the delegation. We were funded to attend the event through the generous support of Asia New Zealand and the Confucius Institute in Auckland.

We were involved in a number of events with Chinese and New Zealand officials, including a Mandarin Language Forum, the Business Education Partnership Forum, a visit to Shanghai, Shangde Experimental School and an afternoon at the Expo site. Asia New Zealand has initiated a Business Education Partnership designed to link Asian focused businesses with New Zealand schools, to promote Asia Awareness in young New Zealanders. We are one of three schools in the initial pilot which will see us developing a relationship with the ANZ Bank. We will, over the next months, look at ways to link curriculum areas to opportunities afforded by this partnership.

Membership of the delegation provided an opportunity to profile our school at governmental level, gave me an opportunity to develop stronger networks with other schools who are working to develop a stronger Asian awareness and was a powerful reminder of the place of Asia in the 21st century.

Sally Haughton

BOT Spot – June Meeting

At the June meeting of the Board we received a presentation from Samantha Miller and Brent Stewart on the work of the Performing Arts department. This is a new department this year and combines learning programmes in Drama, Dance and Music. Sam and Brent discussed the NCEA results for their courses and the Trustees were impressed by the extent to which achievement targets had been met or bettered across a range of Drama and Music courses. They also discussed honestly the lower levels of achievement in Vocal Studies. The Board is confident that the changes which have been made to this subject will better meet the needs of students and will raise achievement levels. Sam and Brent also discussed the wide range of ways in which the girls are involved in music, drama and dance, through choirs, orchestra, and performance groups. Many of these groups are student-led.

Sam and Brent advocated strongly for the need to investigate improving the spaces in which their courses are taught and raised the possibility of a purpose-built performance space. This is an issue which will be discussed as part of future school planning.

The Board also listened to a presentation about Whanau Advisory Groups, which are an initiative of the Ministry of Education. The Ministry is offering to carry out a survey of Wellington East Maori students' needs and aspirations and provide the data for the school to use in raising achievement. The Board welcomes this concept and the principal will work with the Wellington East Whanau parents to investigate setting up such a system at East.

Douglas Ferry

Term 3 Dates

August 2	School Council Mufti Day	7	Samoa Parents – 6.00pm - CC
3	Massey Open Day – Palmerston North Campus	9	Yr 9 Course Selection evening
	Samoa Parents Assn Mtg – 6.00pm - CC	10	7.00pm Library
4-7	Brigadoon in Hall – 7.00pm	13	Tu, Tangata
9-13	Cantata at Big Sing Nationals	14	African & Migrant Parents – 6pm – CC
10	African and Migrant Parents – CC – 6pm	16	Parents Assn Meeting – 7.30pm
11	Fashion Show - 6.30pm - Hall	20-2	Yr13 Solo Recital – 6pm – Rm 1
16-17	Careers Expo – TSB Arena	20	VUW Jnr Maori & Pasifika Careers Day
19	Parents Assn Mtg – 7.30pm - CC	23-27	School Exams
20	Yr 10 Trip to Waitice – 9-4pm	27	Polynesian Workshop – All Day
23-27	VUW Exams	28	Winter Tournament Week
27	School Open Days	30-3	Senior Course Selection Evening
28	Polynesian Workshop – All Day	1	School Dance – 7.30pm-10pm
28	Winter Tournament Week	2	7pm

Debating Highlights

Round 4
Junior Certificate won against Samuel Marsden 3, affirming the moot "That we should allow conservation land to be mined". Best speaker was Sophia Woodhams, and third best, Honor Kelly.
Junior Premier had a narrow loss in round 4, with Zarrin Sinclair placing second best speaker.

Senior Certificate has made it through to the quarter finals round. Congratulations to Louisa Marschner, Yvette Coyle and Ziming Liu.
Premier B successfully negated against Tawa College on freedom of expression in the media.

Round 5
Premier B successfully affirmed the moot " That the All Blacks should be allowed to recruit overseas-based players" against Queen Margaret Collegiate School. They have now made it through to the quarter finals. Congratulations to Anna Rigg, Rowena Woodhams and Millie Rowan.
Premier A had a convincing win against HIBS, negating the moot "This House would prevent race-based parties from running in general elections". Congratulations to Jessica Milne, Jenna Bone and Mina Boag.

Vietnam History Trip

Where Vietnam
When Two weeks in the July school holidays
Who 19 History students and 4 teachers
As part of our Year 12 History course, we study how Vietnamese identity and culture have been reflected in the events of the 20th century. Our trip taught us about the history (imperial to modern day), food (amazing), landscape (from rice paddies to jungles), weather (frequently 40 degrees +), shopping (exhausting), traffic (overwhelming) and people (friendly and resilient).
It was a wonderful trip, thanks to our much-loved Vietnamese guides Trung and Nhan, the organisational abilities of Miss Brace, and the enthusiasm of all involved.

Alice Wards – HOD Social Sciences

This musical is by Lerner and Loewe (Camelot, My Fair Lady). It is set in Scotland in the 18th century, and is a wonderful mix of romance, dancing, singing and fun. Two modern day hunters are lost in the woods, and come across Brigadoon, a little town that magically appears out of the mist every hundred years for one day. During this day there is a wedding, a funeral, punch-ups, men in kilts and of course one of the men falls in love with a girl that he has to leave at the end of their day.

Please support our school by attending. The show will be a great night out for the whole family. Tickets can be bought by your daughters in the lunch hour at school, or booked by ringing Margaret McLeod at school. There are also door sales each night.

Reminders for Parents

NZQA Entries and Fees

- 2010 NQF fees, including NCEA
- Payments must be received at the college by Friday 13 August
- Prompt payments will avoid the NZQA late fee

School Fees

- See school website for payment options and details <http://www.wegc.school.nz/information/fees>

School Uniform

Anna Louise Store Hours

After considering the level of retail sales of Wellington East Girls' College uniform over the recent weeks, the store has decided to change its opening hours as follows:

Monday/Wednesdays/Fridays 12.00-4.30pm

This will take effect from Monday 19th July for the 3rd term only.

The 4th term will be back to 12.00noon to 4.30 all week.

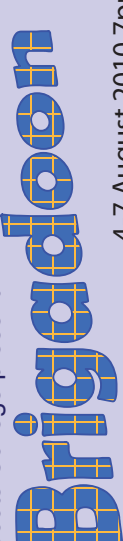
Wellington East Old Girls' Association



The one day "mini-reunion" will celebrate 85 years of Wellington East's contribution to the lives and times of thousands of Wellington women.

For more information and/or a Registration of Interest Form, please email oncew@eastgirls.org.nz.

Wellington East Girls' College with Rongitangi College, Wellington College, and Scots College present



4-7 August 2010 7pm
W.E.G.C. Hall
Adults \$12
Students \$6

By arrangement with ORIGINUM THEATRICAL PTY LTD.



Careers Dates - Visits and Seminars

Morning Seminars

Wednesday morning information seminars have been arranged in response to student requests and will be in the Careers Centre from 8.40am-9.30am on the following dates:

28 July	IRD on Student Loans
4 August	VUW – Course Planning
11 August	MFAT Presenter
18 August	Waikato University Liaison
1 September	VUW No.2 Course Planning
8 September	Otago University Course Planning
15 September	Bio/Medical Seminar
22 September	Student Job Search

27 July	Australian National University Advisory Session at Te Papa – 4.00-6.00pm
4 August	Massey University – Manawatu Campus Open Day
15/16/17 August	Coca Cola Careers Expo – TSB Arena.
20 August	Innovation Technology Event at Waitice.
25 August	Canterbury University Engineering Futures Evening – Wellington Campus.
27 August	Study at Vic Day Open Day at Massey University Wellington Campus
20 September	VUW Junior Maori and Pasifika Student Day

Campus Visits

There are some upcoming events, which interested parents and students are welcome to attend. We have already organised for groups of students to attend some of them.

Gateway Campus Experience

This year I am part of the Gateway Programme for 2010. In this programme students are required to do a minimum of 10 days work experience.

For my 10 days of work experience I chose to work at the ACE House (on Brougham Street, Mt. Victoria), a place where people with a range of disabilities interact with others and work on their social and motor skills. I spent my time there working one-on-one with several autistic people. I learned how to effectively communicate with a range of different people and how to also run and supervise group sessions.

Overall, I think that this was a very valuable experience helping me understand different aspects of the health sector, as later in the year I will be enrolling into nursing at Massey University for 2011.

Danielle Bambró-Tillyard Year 13

Navy Adventure Challenge

On the 12-16 April I was one of 40 students from all over New Zealand who went to the Devonport Naval Base for the Navy Adventure Challenge. The week was aimed at getting young people interested in and educated about the Navy.

Some highlights of the week were fire fighting and being put in a flood simulator and having to stop freezing water from pouring in. It was quite challenging getting up at 5.30am every morning for a run and doing physical training every night but overall the NAC was a fantastic experience and I am now considering a career in the Navy.

Caitlin Williams Year 13

Sport

Underwater Hockey

The Junior Underwater Hockey team came 3rd in Central Regionals, beating Wellington Girls' in a play off. This means they will represent the school at Nationals in Rotorua in September.

MVP – Columbia Cox
Captain Alice Orchard
Vice Captain – Sophie Scott

Netball

The valiant Wellington Under 17 team went down by one-goal in exciting final of NNZ Age group championship.

The Wellington Centre team has reached the semi-final stage of the NNZ Age Group Championship at Papakura after winning all six games, five of them by convincing margins and the sixth in a one point win over Counties Manakau.

The girls in the team were Brooke Watt, Maggie Bone and Victoria Miller.

We are thrilled that two of our Wellington Centre Team members, Olivia Dunn and Crystal Lawrence have been named in the official tournament team following the final.

3RD BEST IN THE WORLD! Astounding achievements by all three.



Civic Square Zumbathon for World Vision

Future Problem Solving - World Champs



Year 9 student, Bryony Campbell of 954, has come second at the world finals for Future Problem Solving. She got the placing in a team of three who were competing in the middle division 'Onsite Scenario Writing' section.

Bryony entered the NZ competition last year, where as a Year 8 student at South Wellington Intermediate School and came first in the scenario writing section, which involves being given a topic and writing a possible future scenario about it.

Her top placing earned her the right to enter the world finals which were held at the University of Wisconsin, USA. At the finals she was placed in a team of three with girls from Florida and Kansas and they had to write about 'Green Living'. This team won second place in the middle division.

Charity News

World Vision

The Wellington East Zumbathon for World Vision held at the end of Term Two was a success. Qualified Zumba instructors donated their time to take the energetic dance classes in Civic Square. \$680 was raised. Visit the school's website at www.wegc.school.nz for photos.

Overall, Wellington East raised \$16,560 for World Vision. Joanna Sage, the Charity Prefect who led the Committee in organising a variety of fundraising events said, "The commitment and dedication by those who helped and contributed was fantastic. Thankyou to everyone involved".

Active Collective

VSA friendship bracelets will be on sale at lunchtimes during the week of 9-15 August. This hand-woven colourful accessory item is only \$3. Money from each sale will support the VSA who work with young people in developing countries. Have a go at writing a slogan for next year's campaign to be in to win an iPod touch.

Photos of the Rugby Team

Taken by Lola Fau Year 13

