

# Marlborough Boys' College

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## Term 1 Reflections - Principal Wayne Hegarty

### Nga mihi mahana kia

We began the year celebrating the continued rise in **NCEA pass rates**. Pass rates in 2014 increased by 5% in Level 1, 6% in Level 2 and 12% in Level 3. Achievement rates have increased dramatically over the last 5 years. NCEA Level 1 pass rates have increased from 60% in 2009 to 82% in 2014 and Level 2 from 72.5% to 87%. Our Level 3 rates, although slower to increase have risen from 64% to 72%.

The rise in **NCEA endorsements** also continued. Last year's Level 1 result was especially pleasing with 49% of those gaining Level 1 doing so with Excellence or Merit. Scholarship grades also increased from 3 in 2013 to 11 in 2014. Four of these scholarships were noted as Outstanding.

**Piers Landon-Lane** will be recognised with a **Prime Ministers Award** for achieving the highest marks in Scholarship Chemistry. The improved results are an endorsement of the dedication of staff who support the scholarship programme and the financial support provided by the Marlborough Colleges Charitable Foundation (MCCF).

There were several outstanding **sporting achievements** in Term 1. These are outlined on page 4. It was great to see so many more teams qualify to compete in summer tournaments. In the

**Arts**, students have auditioned for upcoming senior and junior productions and our talented musicians have been commended for their performances at numerous community events.

Our **focus in 2015** is on projects that will maintain and continue with the momentum we have in achievement academically, in sport, the arts and leadership. Strategic plans have been developed in these areas. Thanks to the MCCF, the Board and community groups for funding to support these. Thanks to the Lion Foundation & Pelorus Trust for supporting individual sporting codes. The MCCF are supporting the scholarship teaching and learning, Gifted and Talented projects and the Robotic and Mechatronic Club. The PTA are supporting PB4L Tier 2 initiatives designed to support students who do not present ready to learn. The Old Boys' Association is supporting our leadership programmes, the swimming pool and the Marlburian. The Redwood Trust are supporting Arts projects and the Jack Checkley Trust is supporting the Gifted and Talented project. The Board are releasing funds for programmes to support students with specific learning issues and those for whom English is a second language. They are also increasing funding for staff professional development. Other projects include: participating in professional development on raising Maori achievement, Pasifika achievement and differentiated learning. The Maori achievement project (Kia Eke Panuku) is supported by the University of Waikato.

We are also working with MGC, Bohally and our contributing primaries schools to form a **Community of Schools (CoS)**.

We have 7 international students in school this term and 4 students benefitting from school exchanges to Japan. Jack Pope and Dallas Church attended Jissen Gakuen in the Christmas holidays on an Ota scholarship and Reuben Langford has been awarded a World Youth Service scholarship to attend Yuhigaoka High School in Osaka. Jacob Butson will attend Otari High School as part of the Marlborough District Council sister-city exchange.

The Ministry of Education released over \$1million for Health and Safety projects over the last few months; this has enabled the boys to access the new toilets that opened this term.

### 2015 Term Dates

- Term 2 20 April-3 July
- Term 3 20 July-25 September
- Term 4 12 October- 16 Dec.

### 3-Way Conference

#### Dates in 2015

- All -10 & 16 June
- Seniors - 25 September

### 2015 Public/School Holidays (in term time):

- 27 April - ANZAC Day (obs.)
- 29 May and 1 June - Queen's Birthday W'end
- 26 June - School Closed for Regional Nga Manu Korero
- 26 October - Labour Day
- 2 November- Marlborough Anniversary

### Term Two- Key dates

- 23 April- Gallipoli Commemoration Ceremony
- 27 April - ANZAC Day (obs.)
- 6-9 May - Junior Production
- 15 May - Friday MBC Manu Korero
- 21 May - Work Day
- 29 May - 1 June Mid Term Break
- 2-5 June - Top Art Exhibition - Hall
- 16 June - Careers Expo
- 26 June - Regional Nga Manu Korero

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This year we welcomed Leah Fisher (English), Peter Currie (English) and Shaun Freeman (Maths) to our teaching Staff. Simone Bailey and Michael Nowacki have both made very positive impacts in their time at MBC; both left us in Term 1 to take up new opportunities. We wish them well.

On a personal note, I have been awarded a Teaching Council Sabbatical for Term 2. As part of this I will be visiting schools and looking at how I can better support staff to continue to improve teaching and learning. This includes investigating different models of classroom practice in a variety of settings. My sabbatical is split into 2 periods. I will be back in the school from Friday 22 May to Thursday 4 June. During my time away I will incorporate the overseas weddings of 2 of my children and the birth of a grandchild. Michael Heath will be Acting Principal in my absence, Adrienne Kircher will join the senior leadership team and several other staff will step up to support school-wide initiatives.

## Centenary Gallipoli Commemoration Ceremony

We warmly invite students, family and friends of our college community to attend the MBC 100th anniversary Commemorations of Gallipoli.

These will take place on the Marlborough Boys' College Front Field 23rd of April from 12:30pm until 1:15pm.

The ceremony will be followed by light refreshments in the Goulding Pavilion.



## MATHLETICS

The first term has come to an end and the Mathematics Faculty is delighted with the use of the website called "Mathletics." Boys work toward gaining Certificates by earning 1000 points each week. So far we have given out 288 Certificates made up

from 607,640 participation points from 555 hours of activity. Alexander Gasson was our top student with 18,948 points. The top ten boys included: Kaito Berry, Mitchell Blake, Hunter Davies, Caleb Exton, Sai Gaur, Breyton Jones, Samuel Lee, Tyrone Maxwell and George Varney.

Students have been issued with 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 end Jan 2016.

To follow your son's progress on Mathletics **then register as a parent, for free**, by going to the website [www.mathletics.co.nz/parent](http://www.mathletics.co.nz/parent). 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 Importance of Being Earnest

On Thursday 26 March, all Year 11 experienced live theatre from the New Zealand Players from Christchurch. They performed an abbreviated form of the play "The Importance of Being Earnest". In this shortened version, the play was ramped up, furnished with puppetry and added songs, reference to e-books, Twitter and Lance Armstrong for modern minds. All the famous quotes ("To lose one parent, Mr Worthing, could be considered unfortunate. To lose both seems like carelessness.") and the basic plot remained unchanged.

## Library Hours

**Monday 8.30 am till 5.00 pm**

Tutors and Academic prefects available for assistance

3.30 pm till 5.00 pm

Pasifika homework club

5.00 pm till 7.00 pm

**Tuesday – Friday 8.30 am – 3.30 pm**

**CLOSED** every interval

**OPEN** every Lunchtime

1.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Photocopying, printing and laminating available for a minimal fee

Computers available for school/study work

**Shelley Lintott- Librarian**

## Saturday Night Fever

Rehearsals have begun! A very successful series of auditions have been held, roles cast and preparations have begun. This year's Combined Colleges' production is directed by Duncan Whiting, assisted by choreographer Jeannie Mark, choral director Con O'Brien, musical director Ray Russell, and producers Ngaire and Dan Searle. Over the last 20 years, MBC has had the responsibility every second year for producing the show. Our last effort in 2013 was Jesus Christ Superstar which received great reviews. Most years between 80-120 students are involved onstage, musically, technically or backstage. The popular 1970's musical will be staged at the Marlborough Civic Theatre in late July. In the meantime, many hours are spent in rehearsal until the show runs July 28 until August 1. Be sure to add it to your calendar!



PTA Meetings occur on the third Tuesday of every month during term time at 7 pm in the Staffroom. Contact [pta@abc.school.nz](mailto:pta@abc.school.nz) or call Flic Trollope 570 5633. All parents are welcome to attend.

Term 2 Key Note Speakers: 21 April - Callum Phillips, (Head Boy) "Leading the Prefect Team"

19 May - Sandi Charles (Inclusion Coordinator) "Tier II/III supports at MBC"

16 June - Bill Wick (DP) Topic "NCEA/Assessment"

## CAREERS AND TRANSITION NEWS



The NZ Defence Force Recruitment Unit visited MBC on Thursday 26 February. It gave students the opportunity to see the wide range of careers available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. Whether careers have students in the thick of the action, at the helm of a vehicle, or running things from behind the scenes, the boys learnt that a Defence career means both training to become a specialist in their chosen field and getting paid as well.

### UPCOMING VISITS/EVENTS

23 April	Otago University	1.20pm to 2.15pm
24 April	Victoria University	1.20pm to 2.15 pm
8 May	Emergency Response Course	All day
15 May	NMIT Business Field Trip	All day
5 June	NMIT Futures Day	All day
15 June	Marlborough Careers Evening	7.00pm to 9.00 pm

### CAREERS EVENING

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015



MARLBOROUGH LINES STADIUM

7.00PM TO 9.00 PM

The annual Marlborough Boys' College Careers Evening will be held on Monday 15 June this year. The event demonstrates our students' commitment to finding out about possible career and training options. The training providers that come reflect the wide range of options students have. One section of the Stadium is reserved for Industry Training Organisations. This group is becoming increasingly more involved with providing courses for Secondary Schools as the Vocational Pathways become more developed. Students will be able to see the link between what they learn at school and industry.

We also have the Universities and Polytechnics close to us. Students have a wide range of choice when it comes to Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses. Last year was the first time that we had Waikato University present. In 2014 Marlborough Boys' College had an increased profile at this University with two students, Atu Moli and Callum Saunders, being awarded the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship.

### GATEWAY

Gateway supports learners to undertake learning and assessment in the workplace. Structured workplace learning is a formalised learning arrangement set in an actual workplace for a sustained period of time which for most Marlborough Boys' College students is one day per week, plus a volunteered week during school holidays. Students are not paid.

Marlborough Boys' College insists on high standards and gets exceptional results. Last year, 13 students gained apprenticeships, 2 farming cadetships and 6 full-time employment. Students apply and go through a selection process which includes an interview with the employer before they agree on a placement and a training programme. Last year students averaged 20 credits each, some of which contribute to an apprenticeship and all to their NCEA.

This year, the Tertiary Education Commission will fund 45 places. Gateway is only open to Years 12 and 13 students. We have excellent support from employers and the programme could not run without their contribution.



### TRADES ACADEMY

The Top of the South Trades Academy is opening doors to students who want to stay at school but also start hands-on training towards a trade that they are interested in. They also gain credits towards their NCEA qualification.

This year MBC students have the opportunity to have practical experience in automotive engineering, aviation and the primary industries (agriculture, forestry, horticulture, viticulture). At this stage, there are 12 students from Marlborough Boys' College attending this year. They are based at either NMIT Campus or Base Woodbourne on a Thursday. Also six students will be attending the Adventure

Tourism Block Course at Whenua-iti Outdoors Centre in Nelson. **places still available for aviation, primary industry and hairdressing. Contact the Careers Office if you are interested.**



## Sports Report for Term 1

Term 1 was hectic as usual on the sporting front here at MBC. It started in Week 2 with the **school swimming sports** which was followed up with a great day at Athletic Park for the school **Athletics Day**. Some fantastic individual performances were achieved as well as plenty of house spirit and competition. **James Southey** provided the highlight at the athletics sport with a record breaking high jump. Below are the names of the individual winners at each year level :

### Swimming Champions

Year 9 - Connor Reed

Year 10 - Kasuki Jahana

Year 11 - Dennis Tomita

Senior - Joe Davies

### Athletic Champions

Year 9 - Joseph Westend

Year 10 - James Southey

Year 11 - Henry Leov

Senior - Tawiri Kamira

We were well represented at the **Tasman Athletics champs** – taking over 30 boys across to Nelson. Six of these boys went on to compete at the South Island Athletic champs in Nelson.

A number of summer codes were also involved in Regional, South Island and National competitions. Our **Tennis** team won the Tasman champs and competed in Timaru at the South Islands – a feat that hasn't been achieved for a number of years. The **1stXI Cricket** team also won the Tasman Regionals and travelled north to play in the Gillette Cup where they put in credible performances against much older and highly ranked opposition.

Our **Softball** team travelled to Wellington to play in the Nationals; and the newly formed **Water Polo** team travelled down to Invercargill to compete in their first schools competition. Both these teams were young and inexperienced and will benefit greatly from what they learnt for the future.

We had a good contingent of junior and senior boys travel to Wellington to compete in the National **Futsal** champs. Despite results not going their way, both teams learnt a lot and had an enjoyable weekend.

**Joel Madsen Clark** travelled to Auckland to compete at the National Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Champs and performed extremely well in his age group coming back with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Our **Volleyball** team have been busy competing in tournaments in Nelson, Christchurch, Blenheim and the nationals up in Palmerston North. A highly competitive and cut throat 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 2 at the Nationals.

Our **Rowing** team competed at the MAADI Cup up at Lake Karapiro. Some good results were achieved. Overall MBC crews made 5 A grade finals. The U18 coxed 4 and U17 coxed 8 just missed the medal podium finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in their respective finals and the U18 coxed 8 finished an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> in the blue ribbon event of the regatta. The only medal secured this year was won by **Campbell Stevens and Jordan Gasson** in the U18 Lightweight Doubles. They won gold in this event – a great effort. Well done to our rowing boys.

At the time of writing the **Sailing** team are about to go off to compete at the nationals in Taupo, the **Touch** team at the South Islands in Christchurch, the **Mountain Bike** team will be in Nelson, and the **Triathlon** team will also be competing at the Nationals in Taupo

In between all these tournaments was squeezed the **Nelson Exchange** which had junior and senior students participating in **Cricket** and **Tennis**, a team of **Lawn Bowlers** away in Nelson competing at the Tasman champs, a team of **Triathletes** at the Tasman champs and the **School Cross Country** on the last day of term.

Wow – its been full on!

***A massive thank you to all the coaches, managers, parents, teachers and most importantly students who have contributed time and energy to these summer sports. I hope it has been rewarding and enjoyable.***

Term 2 see's the start of winter codes with many sports underway already – early on we have the 2 big traditional exchanges against **Shirley Boys** and **Nelson College** – two great occasions that we are looking forward to all ready!

**Mr G Cornelius-Teacher in Charge of Sport**



### Top of the South Secondary Schools Special Olympic Swimming

A group of 7 AWD (Athletes with Disabilities) travelled to Nelson on Wednesday 18 March to compete at the Special Olympic swimming. The boys represented Marlborough Boy's College exceptionally well with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm competing well in all their events. All the boys received certificates with Jared and Rorie showing great improvement in their swimming. Cameron and Rorie joined Motueka High for the 4 x 25m freestyle relay. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> after an exciting finish with Cameron nearly catching second place. Thank you to Peter Bradley for his help during the day, also to Josh Marshall and Matthew Briggs, Gail Bradley, Don Peter, Michael (Motueka High School), Rorie Kearse, Cameron Rowe, and Blair (Motueka High School).