



Queen Elizabeth College

Panui to Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the School

December 2018

From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are at the end of the academic year and we should be satisfied with our progress in many regards. We saw evidence of many hours of work put in by the senior school to achieve their respective NCEA levels. My thanks to the teachers for putting in the extra effort to help the students attain credits. I look forward to the results for our NCEA next year.

Our targets were set at 90% for all levels and 90% attendance. To achieve the appropriate level, you must attend school and be engaged in the lessons. I can assure you that by trying you will do better than you thought possible.

The prize-giving was a great night and I congratulate all the winners and the leaders for next year. We also celebrated the class of 2018 and wish them all the best for next year. Remember if you wish to finish off level three in a supportive environment you get a free education at school if you are under 19 at the first of January 2019.

Our school magazine was expertly produced by Mrs Jacob and her team of helpers. It is a magnificent effort to have it ready in the same academic year and handed out after prize-giving, copies are available at the office if you missed out for some reason.

It was a pleasure to travel to Auckland and support the touch team at the nationals. I am always impressed with the quality of athletes at national events. In my time I have been involved in rugby sevens, softball, athletics and rowing. The "touch nationals" were no different in terms of the preparation and quality play and coaching on display. Whilst our team did not feature on the scoreboard, I can assure you it will be an experience they will remember for a very long time.

I was also lucky enough to spend a little bit of time with the year 10 students on camp at Mangaweka a few weeks ago. They were in tents and exposed to river rafting and water activities as well as an overnight tramp to the ridge tops.

Lastly, my thanks to the teachers for all their hard work this year, especially those putting in the voluntary hours after school and on camps and sports trips. Your time and energy is appreciated, We also thank your families for their support of your involvement. Have a Merry Christmas, and we look forward to a rest and then off we go again in 2019!

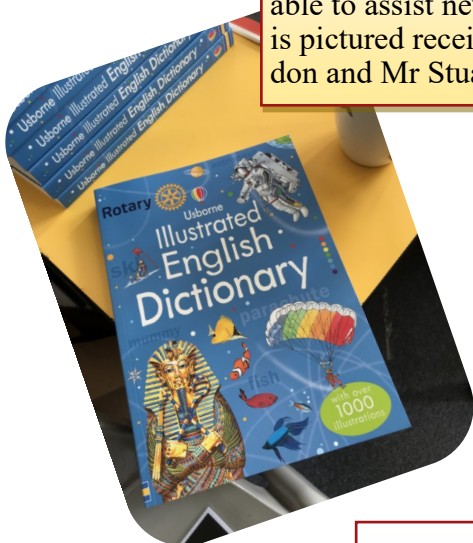
Ngā mihi

Chris Moller



Rotary Supporting Adult ESOL Class

Recently the Adult ESOL class was presented with a number of Illustrated English Dictionaries by the **Terrace End Rotary Club**. Mr Stuart Birks, President of the Rotary Club, explained that the Rotary Club was really excited to be able to assist new members of our community to learn English. Januka Ghimire is pictured receiving the dictionaries on behalf of the class with Mrs Janice Gordon and Mr Stuart Birks.



End of Year Celebrations

Members of the Adult ESOL Class celebrated the end of the year with a shared luncheon during Week 7. At the lunch, Ms Sue Davis (teacher) and the class presented volunteers from the community, who regularly attend the class to assist with conversational English, with a small gift of appreciation. Students dressed in traditional dress and received certificates recognising their growth throughout the year.



Members of the 2018 ESOL Adult Class

Volunteer English language speakers

Services Academy Parade

The Service Academy end of year (EOY) parade is the pinnacle of our year. The students get to shine on parade. They were well dressed and proud of what they have achieved. I am always in awe of their commitment and self discipline to strive for excellence whilst on parade and in front of their whanau.

It is a time to celebrate the entire success of our academies from the Junior (Year 9 and 10) Academy, our new Level 1 Health, Well-being and Fitness Academy, and Senior Academy. This is always a time of mixed emotions because we celebrate with our prize-giving and parade, but we know for our Year 13s it will be the last time they march on our school grounds.

For the first time we had to run an indoor parade (wet weather routine) and I was a little nervous at first, because we had not practised this before. The students gave their best in the limited time we had to practise.

After a little bit of head scratching and a great choice of inspirational words, we were back on track. The students found their rhythm and the parade looked great. It is always that way. What was happening in the back is chaos but the final product looked like they had been at it for years. This parade was no different.

We had many whanau attending as well as the NZ Defence Force personnel. It is always great to see the support and buy-in from whanau, which shows the programme is working. Our parade was excellent. Well done to our juniors and as always, sharp from the seniors.

It has been another outstanding year for our Service Academies. If success is a student who turns up to school, engages in class, wears their uniform with pride and is happy with themselves and in their environment then the Service Academy has fulfilled its role.

See you in 2019 ready to go.

Lance Tahiwī
Service Academy Director



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Services Academy Adventure Challenge

In week three of term four the Service Academy travelled to Turangi to compete in the Annual Service Academy adventure challenge. This meant competing against all of the lower North Island academies in such events as mountain biking, tramping, rafting and sports.

It is also a time to celebrate the academy year with the friends and staff members they have met and been in front of for 2018. The days consisted of the activities above and the evenings were filled with briefings, BBQ dinners and team building sessions.

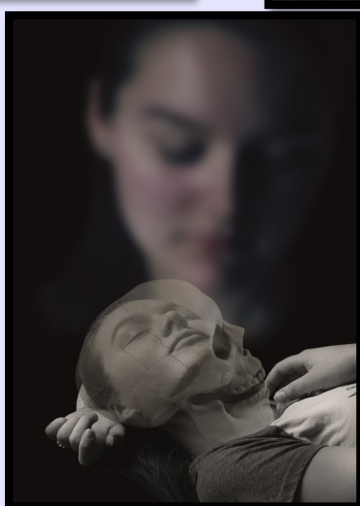
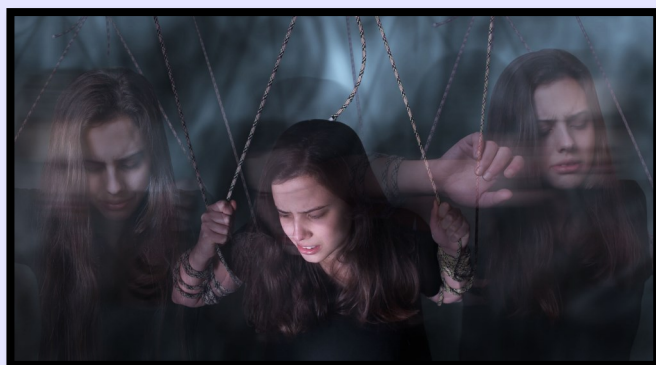
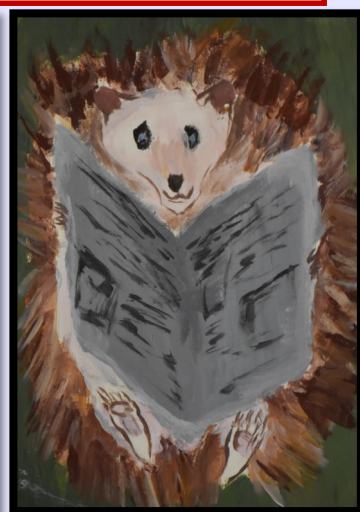
Our academy, as always, worked well throughout the week. The team has become very strong and committed to one another. It was led well by Evan van Niekerken and Nakita Brown-Torok. We had four seasons in three days with the wind getting up on the final night, but our tents stood strong (unlike some other unlucky academies) and we came home unscathed.

We were spoilt with a hangi and bonfire which was the perfect way to end a very enjoyable week. Our students as always were a credit to themselves, their families, the Academy and the school.



Senior art students had their final Internal Assessments and External Portfolios due this Term. Completed folios were sent off to Wellington in weeks 1 - 4. It is a huge job to complete these and the students should be very proud of what they have accomplished throughout the year. I wish you all the best waiting for these marks to come through in January 2019.

-Mrs Jacob



Prize-giving

Last week we celebrated student success at our annual prize-giving. Congratulations to all the prize winners for their hard work. I'm sure they would also like to thank their teachers and whanau for encouraging them to persevere and not give up. Without effort there can be no rewards. Since prize-giving we have had positive feedback from a number of whanau who in particular found the presentation given by this year's Head Prefects extremely moving. Listed below are the names of the students who gained major awards:

Ocean Woolley – The Wendy Stewart Junior Sportsperson of the Year
Kiriana Pokai and Cheymani Ngatai-Mason – The Mahon Cup - Excellence in sport by a female
Hayden Ross – The Healey Cup - Excellence in sport by a male
Irihapeti Gray – The Stuart Cup - The best all-round sportswoman
Nehemia Mataora – The Beard Cup - The best all-round sportsman
Sophie Marsden – The Clouston Cup - Top Year Ten student for general excellence
Tanika Jeffery -The Cruickshank Cup - Year Eleven General Excellence
Sarah Heatherbell-Davis – The Spurdle Cup - The Year Eleven student showing the most promise academically and top aggregate student
Tyler Harris – The Year 12 Cup - The Year Twelve student demonstrating commitment and progress
Mieke Marsden – The Giles Cup - Top Year Twelve aggregate student
Annie Bleackley – Proxime Accessit - Runner-up to the Dux
Lucy Burmeister – Dux - The overall top academic student for 2018

At our prize-giving we also announced the names of the 2019 student leaders and we look forward to seeing them around school involving themselves in their area of responsibility:

Our student leaders for 2019 are:

Craig Parkinson & Hayden Ross - Sports Prefects
Chelsie Tyson – Academic Prefect
Mieke Marsden – Information Technology Prefect
Sam Lynch McDonald & Jada-J Barbarich - Community Prefects
Rongo Peeni & Allannah Whanau-Reihana - Maori Prefects
Samara Jones & Teina-Kore Samuel - Pasifika Prefects
Chenicqua Waara-Kawana - The Deputy Head Girl and Arts Prefect
Tyler Harris - Deputy Head Boy and Information Technology Prefect
Nakita Brown Torok - The Head Girl
Nehemia Mataora – The Head Boy



A huge thank you to the school community including staff, students and whanau for a successful prize-giving. I hope all our students were inspired by the work ethic of our award winners so that in 2019 they too can be contenders for these awards and leadership positions.



Year 10 Camp

The year 10 camp was amazing !

They had a fabulous week doing

- Orienteering
- Bush Bashing
- White Water Rafting
- Treasure Hunting
- Tramping
- Adventure Based Learning - Dam Jumping



Touch Nationals

Heading to the big smoke to compete at the 2019 NZ Secondary School Touch Nationals was a huge step up for many of our players. The players were in great spirits from the moment they left Thursday morning when they were farwelled with their lunch packs. Thank you student helpers, Whaea Deb, and all staff for preparing these for us.

The team showed amazing perseverance over the weekend. It wasn't the outcome that everyone wanted, but to be playing the best teams in NZ is something special and you do have to go to these tournaments in order to understand what they are all about. The players all went out every game and gave it all, which is all the coaches asked for. I am sure everyone learnt and took something away from this tournament. There is some great talent in this team that will only get better with more game time. To the leavers, thank you for your 4/5 years in the team and your contributions to get the team where it is today. To the young ones in the team, well done on your efforts this weekend. You did extremely well and it is a good base to build from. The players now know the standard. Forget about touch for a few days and then get back into it early next year to work on qualifying for zones in March.



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