



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Nga Korero o te tumuaki

As I write this we are in preparation for the arrival of our new Principal, Nigel Hanton. He arrives to a school that has had a very busy but settled start to the year. Already we've taken class and ID photos, had a fantastic athletics day (where teachers and students embraced the dress up theme), sent two year 9 tukutahi groups off to Camp Kaitoke and received and analysed our NCEA results from 2011.

Each year NZQA publish a number of statistics related to NCEA and each year we don't look as good as we possibly could. This is because behind every statistic there is a story or as Mark Twain said, there's "lies, damned lies and statistics". Two of the statistics that NZQA publish are to do with achievement rates of NCEA students. They publish a roll based statistic that measures our NCEA performance compared to our July 1 roll. This is the statistic generally published in the newspapers but it is an unfair one to us as it does not take into account the complex nature of Wellington High School. WHS has had and continues to have a good ongoing relationship with the Wellington City Mission and we are the managing school for the Mission for Youth (M4Y) alternative education facility in Newtown. Students who are enrolled at M4Y are generally students who have not coped with mainstream education in Wellington schools. At M4Y they engage in basic numeracy and literacy training and targeted programmes to enable the next steps towards qualifications. Because we are the managing school, students are recorded on our roll (even though most of them have never set foot on our premises). Last year there were 10 students at year 11 level recorded on our roll from M4Y – not surprisingly, none of them achieved NCEA level 1. WHS also runs a special needs unit called base one (4 students at year 11 last year), an ESOL unit where students are gaining English experience and not engaged in a full NCEA programme (5 students at year 11) and because of the transient nature of the school, another 13 students left between July and November. This is a total of 32 students which compared to a July 1 roll figure for year 11 of 210 students, represents 15.2% of the cohort.

The other statistic related to NCEA achievement is based on participation. This measures how many of a school's students have achieved NCEA compared with how many were eligible to do so. This is a much fairer comparison as it does not include those students in the situations outlined above. I have presented our 'participation' statistics in the table below including a separate column for those students that started with us at year 9 in 2009.

Year / NCEA	WHS	WHS - Y9 2009	NZ	Merit	Excel
11 - L1	80.3%	89%	76.1%	37.4% (33.5%)	18% (13.2%)
12 - L2	76.3%	85.6%	81.4%	26.9% (21.7%)	9.0% (7.8%)
13 - L3	75.6%	83.5%	74.5%	24.3% (23.5%)	9.7% (7.2%)

Merit and Excellence certificates are awarded to students who achieve 50 or more credits at the appropriate level – the national statistics are in parentheses.

In addition, 69.1% of our students gained University Entrance (UE) compared to 65.5% nationally and 18 of our senior students attained 26 scholarships (with 3 of these outstanding). One of our students, **Felix Borthwick**, was awarded an Outstanding Scholar Award for attaining 3 scholarships with 2 outstanding. This would put him in the top 50 in the country. The Dominion Post featured Felix in a story on Saturday 18 February. If you missed it you can read it here: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/6439959/Top-scholars-count-their-gains-for-university-year>.

Our other 'scholars' were: **Ruby Alexander, Renee Andrew** (2 scholarships(S), one outstanding(O)), **Oscar Battell-Wallace, Tony Butler-Yeoman** (3S and a 'Scholarship' award), **Callum Fitt-Simpson, Adam Hao'uli, Frank Harris, Zachary Hildred** (2S), **Lennox Kelly** (2S), **Helen Ker** (2S), **Hee-Jin Kim, Lydia Le Gros, Briar McLeod, Sarah Panton, Oska Rego, Troy Ruhe, Lei Yang**. A few of this group deserve special mention: Oscar Battell-

Wallace, Oska Rego and Lei Yang were all in year 12 when they achieved scholarship; Lei Yang also achieved university entrance from year 12 and starts at Victoria University this year. Lei had already been accelerated by one year at our school and will commence university at the age of 15!

We are very proud of all of our students' achievements and Wellington High School will continue to meet our responsibility to the many and varied needs of students in the Wellington region, even if we don't look as good as we could in the process!

Dominic Killalea (Acting Principal)

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Tēnā koutou katoa, greetings to returning and new students, families and whānau and staff from the Board of Trustees.

This year the school is facing some changes at Board and management level. In early March we welcome the new Principal, Nigel Hanton. At the end of term 1 we will be farewelling Deputy Principals Karen Goodall and Denise Johnston. Karen is leaving us to be the Principal of Wainuiora School after 11 years at Wellington High School, fulfilling her dream of being Principal of a country school. Denise has been appointed Associate Principal of Hutt Valley High School and will take up that exciting role next term after three years at High. Congratulations to you both and our warm thanks for the contribution you have both made to High. We wish you both every success.

On the Board front, at the end of last year we sadly farewellled Faye Molen, co-opted member who has moved from our community to Upper Hutt. Faye made a great contribution to the Board and we wish the Molens well in their move. Jane Pierard has been granted leave of absence for a few months until her new baby is older, and Eryl Jones and I have also both indicated to the Board our intention to stand down in the near future, as it is now a couple of years since our respective children left High. I am committed to remaining with the Board to contribute to a smooth transition to a new management team and new Board membership, however these vacancies will mean the Board will need to hold by-elections for parent representatives in the near future. We encourage parents to consider standing for this. You can find out more about being a Trustee at <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Boards/EffectiveGovernance/Overview.aspx> or at the NZSTA website <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/> and if you are interested in attending a meeting to find out more about this Board and how we work I would love to talk to you about that. Please contact me on my home or cell phones or by email.

The Board has also discussed co-opting as in an interim measure during this period of change and we would welcome expressions of interest from members of families and whānau who have an interest in

being involved in this governance role. I would welcome contact from interested people. Please note that we might have to make a selection from interested people based on the skills and experience individuals bring.

We want to also thank Dominic Killalea who has been Acting Principal since mid-January and who ably got High started into the year. Thanks very much to you Dominic for a smooth start.

Mitzi Austin
Chairperson

Whanau Notices



Timeline - Year 9 /10	Timeline Y11-13
Term 1 Thu 22 March – Learning Conversations 1* Fri 5 April – Whiwhinga report	Term 1 Thu 22 March – Y11-12 Learning Conversations 1 (Y11-12)* / Y13 Home Learning Day Fri 5 April – Y13 progress report
Term 2 Tue 24 April - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (A-J) Thu 26 April - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (K-Z) Fri 29 June – Whiwhinga report	Term 2 Tue 24 April - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (A-J) Thu 26 April - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (K-Z) Fri 29 June – Full written report for all subjects
Term 3 Thu 27 Sep – Learning Conversations 2 Fri 28 Sep – Whiwhinga report	Term 3 Thu 19 July – Parent evening (all subjects) Thu 27 Sep – Learning Conversations 2 Fri 28 Sep – School Exam result notice + internal results report
Term 4 Thu 6 Dec – Full written reports + Result notice (Y10 only) based on end of year examinations + whiwhinga report	Term 4 Wed 17 Oct – Senior report evening

* Progress reports will be handed out at Learning conversations 1 meetings

DON'T FORGET: should you lose this newsletter, go to our website www.whs.school.nz

NOTICE OF TERM ONE LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations are being held on Thursday March 22nd for all year 9 to 12 students. Year 9 and 10 students will be at school all day, on a special programme, while year 11 and 12 students will be at home on teacher directed work and will only come to school for their Learning Conversation time. Year 13 students will also be on home learning on this day but are not involved in the Learning Conversations. The purpose of Learning Conversations is for the student, the caregiver(s) and the roopu teacher to review progress to date in all subject areas and then to plan goals for a successful remainder of the year.

There is a separate letter accompanying this newsletter that outlines more information about this day and explains how you can go online and book your 20 minute Learning Conversation time slot.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES



WHS has the following shared values – they are our signposts that express our beliefs: respect, relationships, teamwork, excellence, diversity, integrity, community, innovation, equity.

WHS is working toward full implementation of restorative practices this year. Restorative justice is a method of managing issues within our school using problem solving. We believe that this model of improving young people's engagement with our school community compliments the values that we believe in. Restorative justice is a process that recognises when harm is done and acts to restore the relationships between the people harmed and those who have harmed.

Students will make mistakes and rather than rush to punish – which research has proven has limited effectiveness in dealing with anti-social behaviour, we are keen to explore restorative practices as one way of helping students to learn from their mistakes.

In a typical restorative justice process those affected by harmful behaviour meet in order to seek a common understanding of what has happened

and to reach an agreement as to how best to deal with the aftermath. Consequences are decided by all, and are meaningful and useful in helping a student to learn. We hope that students and staff will seek restorative meetings to help them resolve issues before they escalate.

So, expect students to be asked these key questions, or similar ones, when they are in a position where harm has been done to a relationship:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- If there was a video camera on the wall what would it have seen?
- Who do you think has been affected?
- In what ways have they been harmed?
- Tell me more about...
- What do you need to do to put things right?
- What do you need to stop doing, stay doing, and start doing?
- What support do you need?

PEER SUPPORT

With all the new year 9 students arriving at Wellington High it is understood that change is never easy, especially into such a big high school like 'Welly' High. To help ensure an easy transition, 40 year 13 students have volunteered to be Peer Supporters. These students have agreed to fulfil their duties as role models to conduct a weekly guidance programme aimed to integrate the students and make them more at ease at this school. The programme includes approximately 6 of our Peer Supporters with each of our Year 9 Roopu classes. Once a week the Peer Supporters work with their classes and conduct sessions where trust is built and friendships are developed through games and confidence building exercises.



Michael Mann, Richy Brown, Ted Keats, and Terri Petersen at Peer Support Training

Faculty Notices



Day. Please encourage your students to participate and donate.

MATHLETICS

All year 9 and 10 students subscribe to Mathletics as part of their mathematics programme. If you have not yet paid for your son/daughter's subscription for this year, please forward payment of \$30 to student services as soon as possible. Thank you.

Seniors do not have time to use this programme in lessons, but they can still use it at home and for revision if they have enjoyed it this year. If you want your child to continue to have a subscription for Mathletics in year 11 or 12, it will again cost \$30 and I will set the students up in a Year 11 or a Year 12 course where they will have access to all the curriculum material for that year. If you want to have more flexibility to choose what they can access, you can buy an individual subscription for \$100. For more details, please visit the website at www.mathletics.co.nz

STUDENT SERVICES

ID Cards: Students can either pay \$10 for a standard school ID or \$20 for a snapper school ID. You need to pay first, at Student Services, for your card to be ordered.

Simply Dental: This is a free service, providing dental care for the adolescents of Wellington's secondary schools. For information on this service, contact Simply Dental on freephone 0800 123 343, email info@simplydental.co.nz or visit their website www.simplydental.co.nz

Lockers: Lockers are available for hire - \$10 payable to student services.

EMERGENCY PLAN

In the event of a major earthquake or civil defence emergency, once we have evacuated the school building we will group students according to the suburb they live in and send them off together as a human walking bus. Students from outside of central Wellington will remain at school until we have contact with families. Any students who are off the school grounds at the time would need to take responsibility for themselves.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

This year we aim to raise money for a variety of charities. In term one, we will collect pet food for the SPCA on Friday 23 March and on Monday 2 April we will dress up for Multicoloured Mayhem day. Other events we will support are Red Nose Day, Daffodil Day, Loud Shirt Day and Pink for a

ART

Item 1: Art students of 2011 please come and collect your work from the art room foyer. This includes sketch books, folios and sculptures. Parents can you please remind your student to come and collect by the 10 March.

Item 2: The art department is in need of ice cream containers. If you have any spare we would very much appreciate your donation.

Item 3: The Real Art Road Show will be visiting Wellington High school on the 16 March and 19 March. This is a fantastic collection of real New Zealand art that wheels its way to schools throughout the country. The mobile art gallery unfolds to form a 80 square metre space and displays over 60 original artworks by some of New Zealand's leading artists. The Real Art Roadshow aims to give students interested in art the opportunity to see the real thing; to be inspired, challenged and 'wowed' by the true scale, texture and colour of original artworks, no matter where they live or where they study. Parents are welcome to visit this touring exhibition on Friday and Monday between the hours of 9am and 3pm. The truck will be parked up in the school car park.

Jania Bates - Head of Arts Faculty

LIBRARY

Welcome to all new students and their families. All new students will shortly have completed an introduction to the library resources so they can independently find books and magazines and use the library's databases.

The student book club has had its initial meeting and will meet on Wednesdays once a fortnight in the library seminar room. Students bring their lunch and share their thoughts about a variety of books. The club next meets on Wednesday 29 February.

We also have a very large number of student librarians. There is now a roster and new students are being shown the tasks they are required to perform. It has been rewarding to see so many of our senior students returning to be student librarians again this year.

It's been very nice seeing how many students, both 'old' and new, are coming into the library to read or just socialise.

RUGBY 2012

The competition starts in Term 2. We are training already and are trying to build a large squad that we can develop two teams from. We need more players still and are very happy to train new players. All players that are interested need to see Mr Gibbs in the PE department. I would also like to hear from any parents interested in helping to manage or coach teams. Tim.gibbs@whs.school.nz

Congratulations

STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who have accepted leadership opportunities for the 2012 year: **Evie Orpe** and **Samuel Austin** are the Student representatives on the Board of Trustees. **Maia Holder Monk** is the Director of Stage Challenge. **Yuri Domanski** and **Amy Terry** are the Sports Captains. **Samuel Austin**, **Phoenix Connolly** and **Kelsey Jack** are the Directors of the Shakespeare Society. **Richie Brown** and **Tina Chen-Xu** are co-ordinating our World Vision 40 Hour Famine as well as other charity fundraisers. **Oscar Battell-Wallace** is the Co-Curricular captain

We look forward to seeing these students make a difference around the school.

Sports News

The summer sport season is now well underway. Thank you to the many students that registered as required. We have teams currently competing or participating in:

Athletics	Fencing	Tennis
Bowls	Floorball	Touch
Canoe polo	Futsal	Ultimate
Cricket	Handball	Underwater
Croquet	Rock climbing	hockey
Dragon boating	Skate club	Volleyball
		Water polo

2012 SPORTS CAPTAINS

A great number of applications were received this year and appointments have now been made. Congratulations to:

Heads of Sport 2012

Amy Terry & Yuri Domanski

Code Sport Captains 2012

Basketball	Richy Brown
Football	Adam Sutton & Emma Kapica
Hockey	Callum Marshall
Netball	April Whitaker
Volleyball	Henry Tutaka
Water Sports	April Whitaker

Ultimate NZ Representatives – Brilliant news!

Wellington High has 3 students that have just been named in New Zealand representative ultimate Frisbee teams.

NZ U19 Womens' ultimate team - **Lily Mason-Mackay**

NZ U19 Mens' ultimate team - **Rennie Pearson**
Conor Ivory

Both teams will travel to Ireland in August to compete in the Junior World Champs.

Wellington High Athletics Day 2012

This was held on Tuesday 14 February and was a great day with a good number of students participating. Results this year were particularly good. In a very significant percentage of track events this year times recorded were faster than in 2010.

From the results of the WHS athletics day a team of 32 has been selected to compete in the Western Zone Athletics to be held on Friday 2 March at Newtown Park. Congratulations to all of those athletes selected and good luck.

Athletics day costume awards were given for best dressed in the following categories:

Best Tukutahi team	Yellow - Clark, Kelly & Cousins
Best group costume	Els Abernethy, Bella Spragg, Eleanor Tovey
Best individual costume	Callum MacRae
Best teacher	Tony Cairns



*Best Tukutahi team - **Yellow**
Clark, Kelly & Cousins*



*Best group costume "The Ladybugs"
Els Abernethy, Bella Spragg, Clara Bosshard, Niki
Menzies, Eleanor Tovey*



*Best individual costume
Callum MacRae*

Round The Bays

The annual Wellington Round the Bays 7km walk/half marathon took place on Sunday 26 February. Entry to the event was closed well before the day however Wellington High was lucky enough to be able to send 11 participants along fully sponsored by **ISC Lenco**. They were provided with free entry, tee shirts and hospitality after the event. Huge thanks to ISC Lenco for providing our students and staff member Mike Kingston with the opportunity to participate.

Football Preseason sessions (all on the school field):

- Senior boys - Tuesday 3.30pm-5.00pm
- Thursday 7.00am
- Junior boys - Thursday 3.30pm-5.00pm
- Girls - Monday & Wednesday 3.30pm-5.00pm

Trial dates – please note for your diary

Netball

- Seniors - Tuesday 13 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Friday 16 March, lunchtime
- Juniors - Tuesday 20 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Friday 23 March, lunchtime

Football

- Girls - Friday 9 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Saturday 10 March, 10.00am – 12noon
- Junior Boys - Wednesday 14 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Friday 16 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Senior Boys - Tuesday 13 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- 1st XI trial** - Thursday 15 March, 7.00am
- Senior Boys - Tuesday 20 March, 3.30-5.30pm
- 2nd/3rd XI** - Wednesday 21 March, 3.30-5.30pm

Circus Club

The WHS Circus Club has started for 2012. The club meets in the old gym every Monday lunchtime and is led by Mr Ben Britton. Get along and find out what happens.

Winter sport registration

There will be another opportunity for students to register for winter sports. Information will be made available through daily notices and year level assemblies. If you have any questions about winter sport feel free to make contact with the Sports Coordinator.

Parent Assistance

Thank you to those of you who have indicated on the sport registration forms a willingness to be involved in the WHS sports programme. Some

Congratulations to the following Wellington High 2012 Athletics Champions:

Junior Boy	Ruairi Cahill-Fleury
Junior Girl	Elise Forman
Intermediate Boy	Milan De Maule & Wharepapa Tapiata-Bright
Intermediate Girl	Lily Smitheman
Senior Boy	Yuri Domanski
Senior Girl	Emma Kapica

Nationals Track Cycling

As this newsletter goes to print Zac Blakely will be competing in the Nationals track cycling in Invercargill. Zac has been training hard throughout the summer and we wish him well.

have already been contacted and others will be contacted as needed.

DRAWS & RESULTS

For draws, results, cancellations and other sport information check the College Sport Wellington website - www.collegesport.org.nz

Contact Information

For any further information or to tell me any news about your out of school activities or successes I can be contacted by any of the following:

Office 8027677

Cell 027 2106087

Email sport@whs.school.nz

Di Jordan

Sports Coordinator

Community News

Community Education

During the month of March we have 61 courses due to start at Wellington High School. Below are a range of Saturday workshops which may interest you.

Want to sing?

Join a vibrant group on **3 March** "Singing For Non Singers."

Song Writing?

On the same theme, our 'song writing workshop' happens on **10 March**.

Oil Painting?

Here's your opportunity to have your very own self-painted canvas hanging on your wall. You will walk out with a beautiful landscape in oils. This happens **17 March**.

Overlocking?

Dust off your 4 thread over locker and join this one day workshop on **24 March**.

All can be viewed directly online

www.cecwellington.ac.nz or phone us to help with information or enrolment (Ph 385 8919).

Wellington High School

We require inclusive, caring and supportive families to homestay our international students coming from EUROPE, STH AMERICA and ASIA.

We pay \$240 per week accommodation.

To find out more contact:

Pamela Braddell 04 385 8911 x 843



Community Education Centre

Wellington High School

2012 Courses.

There are still 61 courses due to start at the Community Education Centre during March. **Enrol NOW for courses starting soon, OR**

those starting in MAY 2012

Phone, visit or go to our website.

www.cecwellington.ac.nz



Phone **385 8919** or email

cec@whs.school.nz

for more information

ARTSIGHT TERM 1 ART PROGRAMME

Artsight offers inspiring after school and weekend art classes for kids and teens. Classes include drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture and are taught by registered Visual Arts teachers. Location-Toi Poneke, 65 Abel Smith St, Wellington. For more information and to book check out our website: www.artsight.co.nz

or contact Fiona Sullivan 3862908 or 021786629, email fiona@artsight.co.nz

Junior Circus classes for 5-7yrs are starting on 7 February. Class times are 3.30-4.30pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Wellington Circus Hub, 11 Hutchison Street, Newtown. Kids are welcome to do a free trial class. Wellington Circus Trust's programme includes Preschool Circus for 3 & 4yrs, Kids Circus for 8-12yrs plus many classes for teens and adults. Check out the full programme and make your bookings online at <http://www.circus.org.nz> or call Alice at the Circus Hub phone 3800051 or 0210642337.

EASY SHOPPING – EASY FUNDRAISING

Shop, save money, save time and raise funds for your school.

Step 1 – sit down & relax !

Step 2 – get someone to make your favourite coffee !

Step 3 - simply go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz, select your school and start browsing.

- No queues, No parking problems, No aching feet!
- Save on petrol costs.
- Over 70 online stores to choose from including electronics at Apple, fashion at Ezibuy, books at The Nile, toys at Mighty Ape and you can even get FREE DVD rental at Fatso.
- Your shopping is dealt with directly by your chosen online store.
- www.yourfastshop.co.nz automatically provide funds to your school.

Treat yourself to easy shopping and help your school fundraise.

Fun, exciting, MUSIC TEACHING Studio Located in Aro Street

A new affordable community music tuition center has enrolments open in 2012 for people who wish to learn keyboards in Saturday Morning Classes. Classes start Saturday February 11th. Fully registered, experienced and qualified music teachers. For more information go to www.aromusiclessons.com or contact:
Phone (04) 934 5822,
Cell: 021 236 3100
Email: chris@aromusiclessons.com

SOMALI HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Wellington Somali Council is reopening the Ethnic Youth Homework Centre next Tuesday 28th at Arlington Community Centre on 312 Taranaki Street, from 4pm to 6pm.

Talk: Keeping our kids safe:

Protect self defence is running a one hour seminar for parents and caregivers. The talk is rich with practical tips and food for thought about what we need to do to keep our kids safe from harm, including from peer aggression and street violence. The talk will be at Samuel Marsden Collegiate in Karori at 3pm on March 10. Cost to attend is Koha / Donation - all proceeds to charity. Bookings are essential: visit www.protectselfdefence.co.nz or contact Darcy on 021 701 848

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Alternatively, call **TelstraClear** toll free on **0508 011 737** and tell them you want to nominate **Wellington High School** for **TelstraClear** and **Intelligent Rewards™**.

Shen Yun Classical Chinese Dance Company

New York-based Shen Yun Performing Arts is coming to St James Theatre, Wellington, 23-24 April. Tickets from www.ticketek.com

Shen Yun brings together the talents of world-class dancers, choreographers, singers and musicians from around the globe. They create an all new production every year that seeks to thrill and delight the audience.

The performers are accompanied by an orchestra that combines Chinese instruments, like the pipa, the erhu and the bamboo flute, with Western instruments. The result – a fusion of mesmerising sounds.

Discover the revival of a fantastically rich 5,000 year culture. When seeing this culture many people feel a connection with it as though they have experienced it before.

See ancient legends of virtue brought to life alongside modern tales of courage. Hear soaring songs by masterful vocalists that will move and inspire.

Experience a sense of beauty and enchantment like no other with this unique, thrilling, and unforgettable show. See more information at www.ShenYun2012.com

WEEKEND MEDITATION COURSE IN ISLAND BAY

Would you like to experience more peace in your life? Nowspace offers a simple, effortless meditation course that allows you to move beyond the chaos of the mind. Benefits include dissolving stress and anxiety, improving sleep, relationships, health, focus and clarity. A weekend course is running in Island Bay on **23-25 March** (7-9.30pm on the Friday, 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday).

For bookings and further information, please contact Rebekah on (04) 383-8499, or see www.nowspace.co.nz.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

In a StudyEdge study skills workshop, students clarify their personal goals, develop their own study plan and discover techniques that will make them more effective independent learners. They also gain access to StudyEdge learning resources and ongoing support to continue to improve their study skills.

These workshops are suitable for all secondary students, and particularly focus on the skills needed for revising and preparing for NCEA, Cambridge, IB and scholarship exams and completing major assignments.

The Wellington workshop will be on Wednesday 18 April, 2012. This is the Wellington booking link <http://www.eventbee.com/v/studyledge-wellington-2012>

I have now presented StudyEdge workshops in New Zealand every year since 2009. Here is a link to our website for more information about StudyEdge. www.studyedge.co.nz

Until March 8, enrolments can be made at the Earlybird price of \$129, a saving of \$70 over the regular price of \$199. Unfortunately places are limited to 30 at both workshops and we advise parents to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Open Day

at the south coast's
**Victoria University
Coastal Ecology Laboratory**



Date: Saturday March 10th

Time: 10am - 3pm

Venue: VUCEL, 396 The Esplanade, Island Bay

(between Island Bay and Owhiro Bay)

FREE EVENT FREE EVENT FREE EVENT

- Interactive displays showcasing the diversity of **marine biology research** that happens on your doorstep!
- Touch tanks of marine creatures, see examples of research equipment in action, talk to knowledgeable researchers.
- Fun and educational for all ages!

Open to the public only 1 day a year. Take this rare opportunity to tour Victoria University's state-of-the-art research facility on the south coast!

- See: <http://www.seaweek.org.nz/> for information about SeaWeek
- See: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/vucel> for information about VUCEL

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 6	4 March	5 March 3.30 - HoFs meet (Languages hosting = food and minutes)	6 March 8.30 – Staff PD 12.20 Vic uni liaison 3.30 – Y9 P+C parent Portal 6.00 – BOT meet	7 March 11.20 – school assembly 3.30 – faculty PD	8 March	9 March 9.00 - Progress report data in KAMAR	10 March CSW Jnr & Snr Futsal
	Y13 Drama camp at Paikakariki						
Week 7	11 March	12 March 12.00 - HoFs report to BoT 6.00 – NCEA evening	13 March CSW Open tennis 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	14 March Athletics - regionals 3.30 – staff meeting	15 March	16 March CSW vball snr tourn	17 March CSW vball snr tourn
	PED223 camp to Queen Charlotte Sounds						
	Y9 Bradwell to Kaitoke						
Week 8	18 March Dragon boats regatta Kiryu Minami visit (Japan)	19 March Y9B option starts 3.30 - HoFs meet (Soc Sci hosting = food and minutes)	20 March 12.20 -Otago uni liaison visit 8.30 – Staff PD	21 March National Bank Maths comp 9.00 Whiwhinga in Kmar (9A only) 3.30 – faculty PD	22 March Learning Conversations – yr 9 to 12 (Yr 13 home learning day)	23 March Ra Haka	24 March
Week 9	25 March	26 March Y9A data in KAMAR 3.30 – faculty admin 6.00 – BOT meet	27 March 8.30 – Staff PD 12.20 Auck uni liaiso 3.30 – Deans meet with DPs. End Kiryu visit	28 March 9.00 – whiwhinga in KAMAR (9A only) 3.30 – TKT meeting	29 March 10.00 – newsletter items due	30 March	31 March ACE ends T1
	Summer Tournament Week						
Week 10	1 April Daylight saving ends	2 April 3.30 - HoFs meet (Arts hosting = food and minutes) Autism Awareness Day – multi-coloured mayhem. \$donation	3 April 8.30 – Staff PD	4 April 3.30 – faculty PD	5 April Newsletter / progress reports/ excel certs sent 11.20 – school assembly.	6 April Good Friday	7 April
	Year 13 Devised Scenes and Monologues - Drama Room						
Holidays	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April
	15 April	16 April	17 April	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April

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