



The Wellington College COLLEGIAN

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

One of the great joys of playing sport is being part of a team. The great American Football coach, Vince Lombardi, once said

Teamwork is what the Green Bay Packers were all about. They didn't do it for individual glory. They did it because they loved one another the achievements of an organisation are the results of the combined effort of each individual.

This year, we have talked about the importance of being part of **Team Wellington College** – a school where everybody takes pride in the success of others and thereby, becomes part of the team. Consequently, there has been wonderful support for our senior sports teams and tremendous success at local and national levels. The **1st XV Rugby** won the Premier 1 competition in a pulsating final against St Patrick's (Silverstream), scoring the winning try only five minutes from the final whistle. Subsequently, the 1st XV went onto win the final of the Quadrangular Tournament for a record ninth consecutive occasion, in an equally pulsating game against Nelson College.

The **1st XI Football** team won the Wellington Premier 1 competition in a hotly contested final against St Patrick's (Town), which had already defeated us on three occasions this season. The team also finished a highly creditable seventh at

the national championships.

The **1st XI Hockey** team won the Wellington-Wairarapa Competition in another thrilling final against Wairarapa College, a team ranked above us on the national stage. Well over one hundred 'Coll boys' were there in full voice, supporting the team at the very time of the Rugby World Cup Opening Ceremony!

Such support spoke volumes of the Wellington College school spirit which extended well beyond the Hockey fraternity.

The **Senior A Basketball** team were pipped at the post by a very good Hutt Valley High School team in the Wellington final, by 86-83. However, this team showed real pride and determination by finishing seventh at the national championship, in the process defeating both finalists from 2010.

The **Senior A Underwater Hockey** team had a magnificent season, winning the local final, the regional final and the national final against the favoured Mt Albert Grammar side by 3-1. While the team does not quite have the public profile because of the nature of the sport, this was a magnificent performance which illustrated great fight and determination.

The Wellington College **Swimming Team**



competed at the inaugural New Zealand Secondary School Championships in Hamilton against well over one hundred other schools. Although two of our top swimmers were unable to compete, the team responded magnificently to gain 237 points and thereby take the trophy for the winning school.

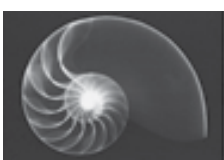
The common factor running through each of these performances is the unequivocal commitment to both team-mates and Wellington College. None of these titles were won easily, but each revealed a determination to keep going until the very end. Again to quote Vince Lombardi - *Winners never quit and quitters never win.*

May all students now exhibit a similar 'will to win' as we approach the end-of-year examinations in early November.

Roger Moses, Headmaster

WELLINGTON COLLEGE CALENDAR • 19 SEPTEMBER - 31 OCTOBER

Monday 19 September	Y11-Y13 Exams (to 22 September)	Monday 24 October	Labour Day (School Closed)
Friday 23 September	Scholarship Trial Exams (to 28 September)	Tuesday 25 October	Term Four starts at 8.50am
Monday 26 September	BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm	Thursday 27 October	Debating and Public Speaking Awards Lunch
Tuesday 4 October	Y10 Geography Field Trip		Music Department Concert and Dinner
Wednesday 5 October	College Mothers' Lunchtime Forum from 12.30pm	Friday 28 October	Class of 1971 40 Years On Reunion
Thursday 6 October	Foundation Awards Dinner	Monday 31 October	BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm
Friday 7 October	End of Term Three		Gateway Graduation Function
	Y11-13 Results Reports issued	Tuesday 1 November	Media Studies Dinner

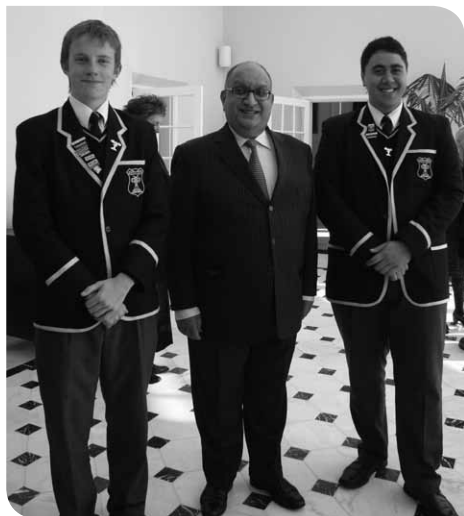


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2011 TERM DATES

TERM	FROM	TO
3	Monday, 1 August	Friday, 7 October
4	Tuesday, 25 October	Thursday, 8 December

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT



Wellington College was honoured to join our neighbours Their Excellencies Sir Anand Satyanand and Lady Susan Satyanand at Government House recently, as Sir Anand prepared to complete his term as Governor General.

The College was one of a number of neighbouring schools invited to Government House for afternoon tea in August, and for Deputy Head Prefects **Nick Fenton** (left) and **Kawharu Morehu** (right) it was a simple matter of walking down the school drive, passing through the security checkpoint and police guard, and strolling up to the recently refurbished state residence.

Nick and Kawharu were accompanied by Headmaster, Mr **Roger Moses**, and Deputy Principal Mr **Robert Anderson**, as well as Board representative Mrs Charlotte Gendall.

Their Excellencies both spoke to the group, emphasising the enjoyment they had received from visiting many schools during their five year tenure and particularly acknowledging the outstanding work done by New Zealand's classroom teachers. Wellington College sends its best wishes to Their Excellencies for the future.

COLLEGIAN MAILOUT

If there is a parent or caregiver residing at a separate address who would like to receive a copy of *The Collegian*, please contact Stephanie Kane (Editor) to be included on the mailing list. Email: s.kane@wellington-college.school.nz or Tel: 802 2537. Copies can be posted or emailed.

KEEPING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE

A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES - Please remember to advise the College if you move home or change your email or phone number. **It is essential** we have your current and correct contact details in the event of an emergency.

FROM THE HEAD PREFECT

As another term draws to a close, it is important that we take time to reflect on what has been an outstanding year as well as thinking about the weeks and months to come.

Term Three has been one filled with further success for the College. On Friday night, I was one of a hearty contingent of boys who watched the 1st XI Hockey team play a very well-fought P1 Final against Wairarapa College. The game was close and filled with moments of brilliance from our boys, and we eventually won on penalty strokes. Congratulations must go to **Matt Symonds** and his team for what was a very entertaining game to watch. As always, those in the stands chanted with all their heart to try and spur the team on. This victory means we have completed the coveted treble, having won the 1st XI Football and the 1st XV Rugby grades as well. On top of this, we were runners-up in the Senior A Basketball competition and the Underwater Hockey Senior A won the National Championship title. Such successes indicate just how talented so many of the College community are.

Term Three has also been a good one for the cultural side of the school. The **Will Matthews** and **George Niven**-directed Senior Drama production *Lifeguard* has just finished its theatrical run in the Brierley. A hilarious murder



mystery, it was by all accounts a triumph of superlative writing, directing, and acting. As well as this, the Senior Premier A Debating team has bulldozed its way into the final of the regional competition.

I (along with **Eddie Foley**) have just returned from Scotland as part of the NZ Schools' Team which competed in the World Schools' Debating Tournament. It was a great three weeks during which we and the rest

of the team learnt a huge amount about the quasi-sport that debating is. We were knocked out by Singapore - the eventual champions after winning eight consecutive debates, and look with vengeance towards the 2012 World Champs in sunny Cape Town.

As I write this, I know that all senior members of the College community will be preparing for their impending school examinations with varying degrees of franticness. I wish everyone good luck for these, and we mustn't forget the huge amount of time that all of our teachers invest in the process of creating and marking these papers. However, I must assure you that I am looking forward to the feeling of finishing my final practice exam as much as anyone!

All the best.

Rayhan Langdana



(L-R): **Nicholas On**, **Mulugeta Zewdie**, **David Somerville**, **Daniel Snell**

The Chemistry Department is all a buzz this year as it is the International Year of Chemistry. The annual Wellington Regional Chemistry Quiz and Titration Competition was held at Victoria University and our Y13 team of **David Somerville**, **Nicholas On**, **Daniel Snell** and **Mulugeta Zewdie** were victorious and took part in the National Chemistry quiz in July. They were placed fourth and should be commended for their efforts. These events are always good fun and the students relish the opportunity to be creative and show their flare in Chemistry.

Several students had the opportunity to take part in the Scholarship Day held at the University in July. This is always an excellent opportunity for our very able students to participate in complex titrations and mingle with other like-minded students.

ORDER OF ST JOHN

Alex Bremner (Y11) received his Order of St John Grand Prior's Award from the Governor General at Government House in July (along with 21 others from around the lower North Island). This is the highest St John Cadet award, apart from bravery, that can be bestowed on a cadet and is akin to Queen Scout, Queen Guide and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards.

St John is a British Royal Order, and the Governor General is our Prior - head of the New Zealand Order of St John.

Cadets work through the Grand Prior's Award programme from age eight onwards where they need to complete twelve badges at junior, intermediate and senior levels, six of which are defined and six are their choice. The badges are wide-ranging from Animal Care, Accident Prevention, The Arts, Civil Defence, ICT, Leadership, Road Safety to Ventureship and Water Safety.

Alex has been a member of St John since he was six years old, completing the Penguin programme (6-8 years olds) and completing the requirements to be awarded the Super Penguin award. He then moved onto the Cadet Programme and has worked towards his Grand Prior's award since he was 8 years old.

Alex has also been recently promoted from Cadet Corporal to Cadet Sergeant within his Division, which means he is part of the leadership team and assists with teaching the Grand Prior programme to younger cadets as well as helping out with other activities that make each weekly meeting flow well.

If you would like to know more about the programme, please check out our website www.stjohn.org.nz and click on Youth.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOMESTAYS REQUIRED

We are looking for caring Wellington families to provide a warm Kiwi experience for secondary school students (boys) from overseas for the Academic year.

For further information, please contact Sue Mackay on 802 2520 ext 821 or 021 717 449 or s.mackay@wellington-college.school.nz

ACADEMIC NEWS • SCIENCE

NIWA WELLINGTON REGION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2011



Cheyaanthan Haran (Photo Dave Allen)

The NIWA Regional Science Fair was held at Victoria University in August and over 400 Y7-Y13 students displayed exhibits from schools all around the Wellington Region. Once again students from Wellington College did particularly well.

The following Y9 and Y10 students received prizes including **Joshua Joe** (Y9) with a Highly Commended for his *magnetic linear accelerator*, **Maor Ben-Shahar** (Y9) received

the VUW School of Mathematics, Statistics and Operations Research Energy prize for his *transformation through collision*, **Umaiyen Haran** (Y10) received the NZ Statistical Association prize for the *effect of distance between electrodes in sulfuric acid solution*, **Zain Kader** (Y9) was second equal in Class 3 for *What's that you're drinking?*, **Kip Cleverly** (Y9) was fourth in Class 3 for $y=Asin(kx+wt)$ and **Jazz Kane** (Y10) was third equal in Class 4 for the *Stroop Effect*.

The major success came from Y13 student, **Cheyaanthan Haran** with the *effect of Ponnri Rice on blood glucose levels*. For this outstanding project, Cheyaanthan received:

- First in Class 5
- The NZ Futures Trust Prize
- The Royal Society of NZ Wellington Branch Prize for best overall exhibit
- The VUW Faculty of Science Innovation Prize and
- A Realise the Dream Nomination

ACADEMIC NEWS • LANGUAGES

CHINESE: **Morgan Scully** reached the national final of the Chinese Speech Competition and performed well to gain a creditable third placing in the Y12 section.

FRENCH: Over 120 students from Wellington schools took part at different levels from Y10 to Y13 in the annual Alliance Française French Speaking Competition. **Miles Hendricks** (Y10) and **Daniel Gendall** (Y11) both finished in the top ten of their respective competitions. At Y12, **Cameron Inglis** came eighth. However, two students received prizes for being in the top three of their level: **Jono Wood** (Y12) was ranked second equal with a score of 94%, and in Y13, **Daniel Snell** won the competition with an exceptional score of 98%. The judges made particular mention of Daniel's ability to converse at a very high and natural level in French. He will now represent the Wellington region in a national competition and if successful stands to win a four week trip to Tahiti.

Cameron Inglis is also to be congratulated on receiving a Language Immersion Award for 2012. This award is funded by the Ministry of Education and organised by AFS exchanges. Cameron will have the opportunity to travel to France in 2012 and spend six months living with a French family and going to a local school.

Blair McLean (Y12) has also recently left the College to go on an exchange for one year to France with AFS. We wish him well and no doubt he will return next year having had some incredibly enriching cultural and

language experiences.

GERMAN: A record numbers of students competed in the recent Goethe Society Oral competitions. **Daniel Moss** (Y13), performed extremely well and was awarded Excellence and earned second placing in his category for the Greater Wellington region. Both **Nathan Palairet** (Y13) and **Nicholas Hugman** (Y11) also attained Excellence, and **Joshua Berkahn** (Y12) gained Credit.

JAPANESE: Students from Y10 to Y13 from eight Colleges in the greater Wellington area and Victoria University students competed recently in the Wellington Regional Japanese speech contest. In the Y11 category, **Tariq Kader** was placed first and **Timothy Lau** gained third prize.

LATIN: More than 150,000 Latin students from the US and twelve other countries took part in the 2011 American Classical League Competition. Top achieving students (90%+) receive a gold medal award. Our top students were:

Year 11 – Level 2: **Daniel Carbonatto-Bowket**, **David Ravine** and **Thomas Roughton**.

Year 12 – Level 3: **Nicholas On**, **Colin Kuehne** and **Daniel Klapaukh**.

Year 13 – Level 4: **Daniel Snell**, **Jimmy Feeny-Toebes** and **Duncan Matangi**.

Daniel Snell's outstanding success in winning gold medals every year for four years was also recognised by the prestigious award of an Oxford Classical Dictionary.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW • GEOGRAPHY & SOCIAL STUDIES

GEOGRAPHY: 2011 has seen the introduction of a new Level 1 Geography curriculum as part of the NCEA standards realignment programme. This realignment has been a challenging process. The Department has, however, been working closely with the Geography Subject Association and other schools in the Wellington region to enable the changes to take place. In 2012 we will look to refine the changes made at Level 1 as well as introduce the realignment changes for Level 2 Geography.

Our most recent national examination results reflect the great work that our dedicated staff have been doing with our senior Geography students. Indeed, 2010 appears to have been a year of considerable success for the department with our external pass rates well up on previous years. Increasing numbers of students are getting into the Merit and Excellence grade categories at all three NCEA levels. Overall the statistics show that, not only are we competing well nationally, but that we are also outperforming other decile 8-10 boys' schools. Our six Geography

Scholarships (with three of those at Outstanding level) in 2010 is the Department's best result yet in that very rigorous examination.

SOCIAL STUDIES: The implementation of the new Y9 and Y10 Social Studies curriculum has gone smoothly, thanks to the Department's considerable forward planning from 2009. This curriculum change has been a great opportunity to reflect on what we do and to streamline our programmes. On a personal note, I have very much enjoyed designing, introducing and teaching a unit in Y10 on financial literacy. The interest and engagement that students have shown in this important topic never ceases to amaze and impress me. We are always looking to improve on what we do and with feedback from students and department members, we will further develop and refine this unit as part of our planning for 2012.

COMPETITIONS:

The Geography and Social Studies Department places a great emphasis on the study of current affairs throughout the year. Further to that, our

top Y9 and Y10 Social Studies students regularly compete in the annual *Fairfax Media Newspapers In Education Challenge* competition, answering questions on local, national and international current affairs. In 2010, Wellington College's A Team was placed first out of the more than 20 teams competing, continuing our school's fine tradition of success at this event. The B Team finished in a very respectable second place. We look forward to participating in the 2011 competition in October.

FAREWELLS: It is with regret that the Department will be farewelling Miss **Charlotte Pascal** at the end of the year as she returns to the United Kingdom. Charlotte will have been with Wellington College for two years and in that time has proven herself as an outstanding colleague and a great asset to the Department and the College. We wish her well as she continues her career back home.

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FROM COLLEGE MOTHERS

As a parent who joined the College community this year, when my son entered Y9, I can only praise and thank College Mothers for the support network it provides. I am pleased and inspired to be part of this parent body, which is an amalgam of the mothers of the students, and of the Parents' Association. 'College Mothers' describes that brand of ENERGY that comes from those parents and caregivers who are actively involved in the planning and hosting of events that help keep the engines running as a successful, informed and strong school community requires. It is also aware of the many cogs, turns and pressures involved in the wheels that move our boys' academia forward.

In August it was our pleasure to support the College which hosted International Speaker and authority on fatherhood, John Badalament, from the US. The lunchtime forum saw the speaker present his insights to an impressive number of mothers at the school, who braved the bitter conditions to attend. That evening

saw our College Hall packed with a special session for fathers and sons who were put through their paces with another inspiring presentation by the speaker.

August also witnessed the College hosting the Annual Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, with a team from College Mothers which was there for two afternoons, setting up and serving afternoon tea for the supporters and deserving players from all four schools.

As the year draws to a close, we will host the Leavers' Lunch, and also bid goodbye to some parents who have been part of College Mothers and the College community. We shall also be there as part of the welcome and orientation proceedings for incoming parents.

I am struck by the obvious commitment and willingness with which these parents have been organising such events over the years. With these in mind, College Mothers invites

and encourages new and current parents and caregivers to join this body, and, as time allows, attend the few meetings that we do have and partake in the forums and other events.

A big 'thank you' to the Headmaster, and to other members of staff, who make the time to keep us informed, at the lunchtime forums.

A reminder and an invitation to the final forum for 2011, on **Wednesday, 5 October**, in Firth Hall. Our guest speaker, commencing promptly at 12.30pm, is Murray Tremberth, CEO of Welltrust, who will talk about alcohol and drugs our teenagers will be exposed to. Tea and coffee will be available from midday.

As a new and current member of the College Mothers committee, I am grateful to have this opportunity to share my thoughts in this month's *Collegian*.

Shaan Flaws

The History Department has recently faced a number of major changes. In my opinion, the most important of these changes has come in the area of curriculum development and planning. The realignment of Y11 and Y12 as well as the introduction of new achievement standards across the senior school has compelled the Department to spend a lot of time considering the content we teach and how relevant it is to the students in our classrooms.

To this end we have been spending a lot of time in shared planning. This has been a two-year process and we feel we have developed robust units with meaningful content to teach which reflect the intentions not only of the new curriculum, but of the Wellington College Learner Profile. We have tried to develop units that require students to engage in critical questions about the past and to develop evidence-based positions on crucial historiographical interpretations about the history they are studying.

We have also decided to use the opportunity the realignment offers to modernise what we are teaching. To this end, we are beginning to introduce courses based around the challenges facing the post 9/11 world and the history of important global hotspots like Iraq and Afghanistan. We are also aware of how important it is for students to understand the history of their own nation so they are able to contextualise important issues that are facing New Zealand both nationally and internationally.

It is also very important to the Department that the curriculum we are teaching is underpinned by ideas about history rather than solely narrative. Therefore, each unit is underpinned by a 'rich question' which is designed to force students to consider different perspectives about historical events and develop empathy for the individuals and groups affected by historical forces and movements. In the senior school, this is of particular importance.

One of the highlights for many senior history students is the bi-annual trip to Europe and Turkey. This year the European Study Tour took 69 History and Languages students through the battlefields of WWI in Turkey and the Western Front as well as visiting important historical and cultural sites in Germany and France.

The European Study Tour is an opportunity for students to learn about the College's involvement in WWI, experience the diverse cultures of Europe, and learn about the history of the continent first hand. The trip is designed to deliver an unforgettable learning experience that combines the principles of the new curriculum and the key competencies with the unique traditions and history of Wellington College.

The key components of the tour are the history of WWI and in particular, New Zealand and Wellington College's involvement as well as the unique history of 20th Century Europe and its impact on the world. It is also essential to us that the history we are studying on the trip is

balanced out by students also being exposed to the rich culture of all the societies we visit, and that the history is put into its context within those societies rather than being a reiteration of popular myths about the past.

In addition to the academic learning objectives, we also believe the tour does an outstanding job in promoting the key competencies and contributes towards the goals set out in the Wellington College Learner Profile. Students are challenged intellectually and socially. They must learn to work as a community. They participate and experience other cultures and ways of life. They learn to accommodate and work well with others. They need to become adaptable and responsive to new ideas and developments. They are also challenged to develop empathy and understanding about the past and other group's experiences of the past. This can only help them mature into more tolerant and open minded members of our national community, and also as citizens of the world.

It is a very interesting time to be teaching history in New Zealand. It is my opinion that we have an opportunity to introduce students to incredibly important ideas about the world they live in and give them an opportunity to develop well considered and mature responses to the challenges of understanding the past and how it has informed the present.

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Academic Achievers Evening Update Life After Wellington College

In August, the Pasifika Parents Support Group (PPSG) hosted a Careers Evening that was superbly facilitated by Careers Adviser, Mr **Ernie Rosenthal**. Eight stakeholders attended; the Police, Armed Services, Whitireia Polytechnic, Victoria and Massey Universities, Careers NZ, NZ Institute of Sport and Trades Academy Weltec. The evening was a huge success with more than a 100 students, parents, caregivers and teachers attending. Each stakeholder provided a five-minute introduction to their area of tertiary education or career opportunity and then students had an opportunity to view the various display stands, collect any information available, ask stakeholders questions and enjoy supper. Feedback has been very positive from both students and parents with many students exploring a number of possible career pathways as a result of the evening. Stakeholders were similarly impressed with Mr Rosenthal's facilitation, the venue and attendance levels with all expressing a keenness to repeat the evening in the very near future.



• **ART BLUES AWARDS:** In a recent Assembly, six Blues for the Arts were awarded:

• Music: **Fletcher Mills** - for selection into the prestigious 2011/2012 NZSS Choir.

• Dance: **Felix Sampson** - for selection as a Junior Associate of the New Zealand School of Dance. This is the third year Felix has held this position – auditioning each year for a position, and so he received his Blues Award for the three years.

• Drama: **Tim Macdonald** - for his selection into the National Schools' Shakespeare Production Week, which he gained as a result of his outstanding performance in *Measure for Measure* in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

• Drama: **Sam Skoog** - for also being accepted into the National Schools' Shakespeare week for his role in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

• Debating: **Edward Foley** - for selection into the NZSS Debating Team. This is a team of five. To be selected is a huge honour, and as a Y12 student - exceptional.

• Debating: **Rayhan Langdana** - for selection into the NZSS Debating Team. Rayhan has already received his Blues in Public Speaking and is therefore a double Arts Blues recipient.

• LITERARY SUCCESS

Y12 student, **Vinay Patel** had his poem *Turning a Blind Eye* shortlisted for the National Schools' Poetry Award. Vinay's poem was one of ten selected from the large numbers of nationwide entries.

Rayhan Langdana was runner-up in the Young Writers category of the BNZ Short Story award. This is a prestigious literary competition for school students, which is connected to the Katherine Mansfield Short Story Award. From hundreds of entries, a shortlist of seven was selected. Rayhan's story *The Party* was one of these.

Morgan Watkins had the honour of having two articles published in the *NZ Herald College Herald* section, one a sceptical view on fitness, and the other about the influence of coffee on the Enlightenment.

Stage Challenge: Early in August, the Stage Challenge Television Specials were screened, showing the winning performances from all the regional centres. 15 winners were shown, and six additional wild cards were selected – performances that were considered outstanding. Although we came second to Wellington Girls' College on the night, we were selected as one of the wild cards and in fact, we were the only boys' school amongst the 21 finalists. The competition was eventually won by St Cuthbert's College and Epsom Girls' Grammar was placed second.

• **DEBATING:** The debating season is going well

with four of our eight teams still in the competition, which has now reached the knockout stage.

• Junior Cert 1 and Junior Cert 4 have progressed to the quarterfinals in a grade with over 60 teams.

• Junior Premier A had an excellent quarterfinal win against HVHS.

• Senior Cert 3 narrowly lost to Scots College in the semifinals of their grade, a grade which had 56 teams in it.

• Senior Premier A debated Scots in the semifinals and progress to the finals against St Mary's.

• NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS' DEBATING AT WORLDS, DUNDEE, SCOTLAND

The two Wellington College members of the NZSS Debating team, **Rayhan Langdana** and **Ed Foley**, have recently returned from the World Debating competition in Scotland. Those of you who followed their progress will know that they won convincingly eight of their eight round-robin debates. Along with Britain, they were ranked at the top of the table. However, the first team they met in the octofinals was Singapore, who they had beaten the day before. Unfortunately, in what appears to be a controversial call and a split decision, they were narrowly beaten by Singapore, who then went on to win the world title.

So this was very disappointing for the team but there is an opportunity to rectify this in January when they travel to Capetown for another World Competition.

• PUBLIC SPEAKING

The College Competition

Our Public Speaking finals night was held in Week Three and as usual, it was a night of excellent speakers and great entertainment. Our judge this year was Judge Bill Hastings, ex-Chief Censor and now a District Court Judge. He reflected on the high standard, the originality and the unexpected pearls of wisdom he heard in the speeches. He also commented on the value Wellington College places on public speaking and the importance of these skills in the 'real' world.

All students from Y9-12 deliver a speech in their English class so to reach the finals is a great honour.

• Junior – finalists: Y9 students **Fabian Day**, **Josh Symonds** and Y10 students **Sam Dick**, **Max Robinson** and the winner – **Bernard Nunns** with a speech entitled *Your Mind creates a World*.

• Intermediate – finalists **Harry Cummins**, **Ben Davies** and the winner **Daniel Gendall** whose speech was entitled *What it Takes to Be a Hero*.

• Senior – finalists **Elliot Isaacs**, **Sam Skoog**, **Nick Fenton** and the winner **Oscar Shaw** (pictured right) who spoke on the *Strength of Hate*.

• REGIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION:

The Stockley Cup

Max Robinson and **Oscar Shaw** both represented the College in the Junior and the Senior Regional Public Speaking Competition. Both did very well, particularly Oscar who won the competition and the prestigious Stockley Cup for the best Senior Secondary School speaker in the Wellington Region.

• SENIOR DRAMA: LIFEGUARD

When eccentric millionaire Elton Maverick (**Sam Skoog**) is murdered in the middle of a dinner party, all his guests are suspects in an investigation that reveals the strange history of his fortune. The dark and dysfunctional Detective Longacre (**Ryan Mahon**) navigates the strange relationships of a seductress (Priya Parag) a bitter room-mate (**Jeremy McLeod**) and a dairy farmer from Gore (**Jamie Swanson**). This production was a successful endeavour in both hilarity and drama, with superb performances from a cast of talented senior students from Wellington College and our sister school Wellington Girls' College. The show went on for three nights from 31 August in the Brierley Theatre which was transformed with a set by **George Niven** and **Robert Laurenson** and lighting by **Sunjiv Lal**. Written by **Will Matthews**, George Niven and Priya Parag with help from **Michael Smol**, **Jimmy Feeney Toebes**, Gabby Bush and Lydia LeGros, the script had the audience laughing uncontrollably at every second line of dialogue. The Friday performance nearly sold out, and good crowds were also enjoyed on the two earlier nights. Directed by George Niven and produced by Will Matthews *Lifeguard* was a real triumph for the dramatic arts at Wellington College.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE FOUNDATION SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS DINNER THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER, 6PM, TSB BANK ARENA

The annual Sport and Cultural Awards Dinner is this year, in the last week of Term Three. Invitations have been emailed to invited students and their parents and we also extend a warm invitation to Old Boys and friends of the College.

This year's guest speaker is Mr Harvey Rees-Thomas, who was appointed Headmaster of Wellington College in 1979. During his 16-year tenure he was much loved and admired and his passion for sports and the arts is reflected in the fact that both the Sports and the Arts Centres were built during his time. We are delighted that he is able to be our guest speaker at this event, celebrating the 2011 sporting and cultural success and achievement.

Visit Mycoll for further details or email scawards@wellington-college.school.nz

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August and September have been an incredibly busy time for sport at Wellington College. The hosting of the 85th Quadrangular Rugby Tournament, teams away at national competition during Tournament week and the culmination of the local CSW leagues saw Wellington College finish with a very respectable haul of titles in 2011.



The 1st XV Rugby team followed their win in the Premier Championship with a ninth consecutive title at Quad. The 1st XI Football and 1st XI Hockey also took out their respective titles while Underwater Hockey not only won locally but took out National honours in Rotorua. Not to be out done, the Senior A Basketball followed a tight loss in the final of the local competition, with a top eight finish at the Nationals.

This is just the Premier teams - the success was repeated down through the grades at the various codes with other teams winning or challenging for the top spot in local competitions.

• RUGBY

85th Quadrangular Rugby Tournament

The 1st XV took out the title beating a spirited Christ's College team 59 - 10 in the opening game and a much tougher Nelson College 18 - 10 in the final. A good all-round performance, the team came back from 7 - 3 down at half-time and saw fullback **Andrew Quinlivan** score one of the 'all time' great individual Quad tries to cement the lead. Two weeks earlier, the 1st XV won the CSW Premier 1 competition, beating St Patrick's (Silverstream) in an evenly-fought match.

U15 Invitational Tournament (Hastings)

The team lost three tight games to begin with, but came into their own and dominated the last three games to win the bottom section scoring 86 points and conceding 18. A great finish.

U14 Invitational Tournament (Palmerston North)

Unfortunately outclassed, this was a great learning curve for the boys who had to compete with the loss of a number of players through injury. The spirit shown bodes well for the future.

Local Competition: Apart from the 1st XV, the U65As, U14s and the U55s made finals. The U55s were the only ones able to come away with the win by 35 - 15 against perennial rivals HIBS.

• FOOTBALL

The 1st XI finished seventh at the Nationals.

A good result but disappointing having gone through group play undefeated playing very good football. They lost to St Patrick's (Silverstream) in the quarter-finals who went on to make the final.

The team overcame this loss to return to Wellington and beat St Patrick's (Town) in a hard fought but very skilful final which was decided on penalties after the game finished 1 - 1.

Overall, it was a great all-round season for the Football Club with nine teams taking out their respective leagues and another three coming second.

• HOCKEY

The 1st XI Hockey found it hard at Rankin Cup with injuries to key players making it an uphill battle. The 13th placing looks likely it will mean they will play in the India Shield grade next year.

They too came home with local pride at stake and beat Rongotai College in the semis and Wairarapa College in the final in front of a passionate group of supporters. The game went to drop offs of nine, seven then ultimately five and even then the teams could not be separated. It was finally decided by penalties which we won 5 - 4.

The 2nd XI played in the Galletly Cup in Auckland, finishing third (our best ever result) losing only one game to eventual winner Palmerston North Boys' High School.

• BASKETBALL

The Senior A team had a great season finishing a very close second in the Premiership pushing HVHS right to the whistle, going down 88 - 84 in front of great support at Te Rauparaha. This continued through to the Nationals where they finished seventh and on a real high, beat last years champions Fraser High School 102 - 100 in over time. This was by far the College's best placing at a Nationals Tournament for many years.

The Senior B also performed well, finishing second in their league as did the Junior Cs. A large number of boys play socially on a Friday evening and the WC Chickens took out the Senior title.

• UNDERWATER HOCKEY

A fantastic season for the Senior A Underwater Hockey team saw them win all three competitions they played in. The Wellington Leagues, the Central Regional Championships and ultimately the NZSS Championships.

At Rotorua, they went through the competition conceding only three goals and although they went into the final against Mt Albert Grammar School as underdogs, they came through strongly to win 3 - 1. Led by NZ representative **Tristan O'Neale** and coached by Old Boy Richard Maxwell the team thoroughly deserved their victory.

Along with Tristan, **Tom Cutler** and **Blair McLean** were selected for the Tournament team.

The Junior A team also performed well, taking silver locally, bronze at regionals and fifth at the nationals.

• SWIMMING

The Wellington College team performed outstandingly to win the inaugural NZSS Swim Champs in Hamilton which involved 109 schools in a two-day competition. All boys in the eight man team won medals - 22 in all, helping us achieve an overall points tally of 237 over St Peter's Cambridge on 231. **Hamish Trlin** with four gold and three silver medals led the way but all the boys made a positive contribution to the result.

• ORIENTEERING

Last term, Wellington College performed well in the CSW Orienteering series. Under the guidance of Mr **Mark Wallace**, a number of boys have taken to the sport and this bodes well for the future. In fact Wellington College won all but one of the divisions. They were:

Junior Boys Novice - **James Simpson**

Junior Boys Experienced - **Hunter Saban**

Intermediate Boys Novice - **Declan Bowers**

Intermediate Boys Experienced - **Jono Barnes**

Senior Boys Novice - **Mitchell Byrne**

2nd: **Sam Taylor-Offord**, 3rd: **Alen Meenchira**

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WELLINGTON COLLEGE HISTORY/LANGUAGES TRIP TO EUROPE

In early July, 69 Y13 students and eight staff members of Wellington College embarked on a three-week trip as part of the Wellington College Europe Study Tour after months of fundraising.

Nearly 40 hours and three flights later, we arrived in Istanbul, Turkey. For most of us, the reality that we were on the other side of the world seemed to sink in the second we stepped out of the airport as the heavy, humid air pressed up against our sweaty faces. The subsequent five-hour bus ride took us through the Turkish countryside, until our ultimate arrival in Canakkale, the Turkish city, right across the Dardanelles from Gallipoli.

I know I speak for all of the boys on the trip when I say that our time at Gallipoli was one of the most moving experiences not just of the trip, but of my life. The day was blistering hot; we had sweat dripping down our noses, and our tour t-shirts were smelling pretty awful already. Like our Old Boys of the early 1900s, we arrived at Gallipoli not really sure what to expect. We visited the Memorial on the beach of Anzac Cove, and stared up at the sheer cliff face that young Kiwis would have stared up at as well. We saw Lone Pine Cemetery, The Nek, Quinn's Post Cemetery, the Turkish Memorial, but the most moving and emotional visit for most of us was at Chunuk Bair. We made it to the highest point of Gallipoli for which the Wellington Battalion fought so valiantly for in 1915. The NZ Memorial stands atop the hill, and there we conducted a short service for those that lost their lives on Chunuk Bair. The Chorale sang, and we performed a Haka (to many fascinated onlookers) and laid poppies. It wasn't difficult to imagine how the boys of our age had felt nearly 100 years earlier on the very same hill, and we felt a real connection to those boys of the past.

Istanbul was a truly incredible city for us to visit. It was positively humming with life. Knowing that more than three times the population of New Zealand lives in one city is pretty amazing, and the sights we saw were eye-opening. I think it was the most different country to New Zealand that we visited, and living conditions in some areas were very unlike much of home, but this made it all the more interesting and eye-opening to see.

We flew from Istanbul to Munich, and arrived in the heart of German beer country - Bavaria. We explored the English Gardens and saw the incredible BMW World and Museum.

While the previous day was relaxed, the next day we went to the town of Dachau not far from Munich, and visited the Concentration Camp that had been stationed there during the 1940s. Much of the camp remains, which made for an eerie and startling experience as we looked around it. It was very moving, and the boys all left having been affected in different ways.

The next stop was Berlin, and we took the train across the countryside to the country's capital. Whereas Munich had felt relaxed and quite manageable for most of us, Berlin seemed to be huge. After arriving at the Station late at night, we set off early to the Brandenburg Gate the next morning, from where we started a walking tour of the city. Seeing the places that we have studied was quite amazing. We were shown where the Berlin Wall had once divided a city, where Hitler's bunker was once situated, where the border controls at Checkpoint Charlie had stood, and saw the incredible Reichstag building of the German Parliament. All of us were struck by the incredible feel of history existent in Berlin, and the dynamic of a big city that is getting even bigger.

From one huge city to another, we flew from Berlin to Paris, where we had three full days to look forward to. The bus tour on the first night took us round the main sights and we stopped at the Eiffel Tower, which we were glad to realise lived up to its breath-taking billing.

From Paris we travelled to Arras, in the North of France. It is the sight of the Battle of Arras of 1917, where New Zealand soldiers fought. We visited the sight of the Battle of the Somme nearby, and went to the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. The Memorial was remarkable, and the number of crosses and gravestones spread out across the fields was unimaginable. I think that it was at this stage that we started to get a real sense for the magnitude not just of WWI, but of war in general, and how devastating it is. As we laid poppies, the lists of names on the Memorial really struck many of us. It all felt strikingly lonely, and tragic that so many young men had lost their lives on the other side of the world, and so far from their families.

We visited the graves of two Wellington College students, **Will Hopkirk** and **Mac McColl**, both Old Boys that we have studied in History classes. It was sad to see their Graves placed on the other side of the world from where they grew up, and the Wellington College connection made it all the

more powerful to us. We performed a Haka at the Memorial to the New Zealand soldiers who lost their lives in the battle of Messines.

Ypres is a small city that was popular with the boys. A focus on the battle of Passchendaele took us to Tyne Cot cemetery. I remember being particularly struck by the size and rows of hundreds upon hundreds of tombstones that stood in the meticulously kept fields. It was frightening to see the scale of war's horror, but also heartening to see the honour of the graves of the fallen soldiers. It was a beautiful, and somewhat fitting setting for them.

Back in Ypres that night we had a ceremony at the Menin Gate. Three students, **Stephen Day**, **Daniel Snell** and **George Russon** laid a wreath on behalf of Wellington College at the Gate for the unknown who had fallen. It was a touching way to end our time in Belgium.

The next day, we set out for the French town of Le Quesnoy, that New Zealand soldiers liberated in 1918. Part of Le Quesnoy was even gifted to NZ as New Zealand territory. After feeling like kings in a town that loved our country, we set off for Lille, where we took the train to London!

Arriving in London was extremely exciting. We've grown up reading, hearing and watching things about England, and for a lot of us it was the first time we had seen it with our own eyes. Big Ben, Downing Street, Buckingham Palace - they were all names that we were so familiar with, and to see them ourselves was brilliant. Our final formal visit for the trip was to the NZ War Memorial in Hyde Park. We performed a Haka, and admired the memorial and the poems included on it.

The Europe trip was an incredible adventure for all of us. We were made to think more about our position, how fragile life can be, and how horrific war is. We were able to apply classroom theory to the real life locations, and learn more about our schoolmates of the early 1900s. We saw and experienced things that will remain with us for the rest of our lives, but most importantly, we had an absolutely fantastic time with our mates and with the teachers, which is what made a wonderful trip such1 an unforgettable one.

Nick Fenton, Deputy Head Prefect

Nick's overview was actually four pages long, but needed to be abridged for this publication. If you would like to read Nick's very enlightening and detailed journey of this memorable experience for the boys, please email him at fentonn07@wellington-college.school.nz



The boys at ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli



(L-R): Stephen Day, George Russon and Daniel Snell lay a wreath at Menin Gate