



Taking up the challenge

Quick to make, colourful to look at and delicious to eat, Special Education unit students endeavoured to wrap it up! Master chef, Jamie Oliver, ran a food revolution for the Guinness Book of Records on Friday the 16th of May, with the challenge of cooking a “rainbow salad wrap.” His aim was to “bring cooking skills to as many people as possible, by delivering hands-on food education programmes to kids in over 800 schools and centres,” so that he could “improve lives through food.”

Inspired by Jamie, the students took part in the challenge by creating their own colourful wraps.

The challenge started with excited students discussing their reasons for taking part. “Jamie Oliver wants everyone to eat healthy,” explained Marian. Another hungry student, Johnny, popped in, “Because they are yummy and crispy and healthy!”

The students assembled into three teams, in three different rooms to prepare their masterpieces. Each team got to work, mixing together a range of colourful and healthy ingredients including carrots, lettuce, cheese and chicken. The challenge produced a yummy wrap for each student and a fun period for all.

By: Lily MacDonald



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Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter.

With one term and a few weeks to go, the senior students are well engaged in their internal assessment programmes as well as the preparation for the two end of year exams; at the end of Term 3 and the NZQA events of early Term 4. I have been impressing upon all students the need to be well prepared and how simple activities, such as reviewing the learning of the day for 5-10 minutes each day can have tremendous long term advantage. From a neuroscience perspective, these reviews literally strengthen the connections of the neurons of freshly learned and new materials.

We arrive back to Term 3 with a clear focus on student enrolments for 2015. The Open Evening, the school's presentation to students occurs this week on Thursday the 24th of July at both 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

You will be familiar with the fact that very few places were made available to out of zone enrolments at Year 9 level only in 2014. Next year, the school can only cater for in-zone enrolments, at all levels, given the pressure on the school. Even with this restraint imposed the school roll continues to rise and the current roll of 1653 students will lift by an additional 30 students, at least, taking in-zone enrolment only. I understand this may be disappointing for parents living out of the Takapuna Grammar School zone. As with previous years, there are many parents who are going to buy accommodations in-zone to enable their son or daughter to come to Takapuna Grammar School. We will be highlighting this point at our coming meeting.

The building work surrounding the Main Block continues. At the time of writing we are moving students out of N Block to make way for the Science Department Development and the administration staff is exiting the bottom floor of the western wing of the Main Building. This wing will be now empty in readiness for the refurbishment starting in December this year. The cost of the main building is now projected to be in excess of \$15,000,000.00, over double the original estimations. We appreciate the Ministry of Education's commitment to make right the integrity of the main building and their openness to addressing the other aspirations we have for the site.



The student achievements, both those associated with teams and those of individuals, have been strikingly impressive of late. It seems that wherever one looks the student achievement at Takapuna Grammar School is both prolific and exemplary. I note, at the risk of leaving some out:

Ethan Sangster: Accepted onto the NSR Programme for a US College Golf Scholarship

Jonathon Weston: Representing NZ at the European Optimist Championships in Ireland

Emma Ross: A Prefect who organised a pink ribbon breakfast to raise awareness and money for Breast Cancer research.

Danielle Desvaux de Marigny and Aodhan Taylor-Innes: Prize Winners - Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), which simulates the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two students represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world

political and social concern.

David Sorrenson: Academically outstanding achievement in Year 2 International Baccalaureate in Economics, Physics and English Literature from recent practice exams

Sophie Turner, Sophie Hilton, Ella Sheehy, Liam Mullane, Logan Moore, Zach Johnson: Young Enterprise - Regional Winners – Orals. (See article p.11)

Maya Wyatt and Andy Song: winners of Best Connection between two actors at the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival in Wellington over Queen's Birthday weekend.

Together the school and its community can be very impressed and proud. I certainly am.

All the best for this coming term. It is a busy time for both students and their families. Please contact the school, at any time, through your existing connections or at principal@takapuna.school.nz. We are here to help and assist in any way we can.

Regards
Simon Lamb
Principal
Takapuna Grammar School



From the PTA:

Our wonderful cookbook, 'Taste of Takapuna', has been distributed to all Year 9 students to sell. Please take time to read and enjoy our cookbook. With a wide selection of recipes and stunning photography the Taste of Takapuna is a go-to cookbook for many homes already. It makes a great birthday gift for friends and family, or consider the cookbook for a personal and local corporate gift.

The funds raised from the sale of these cookbooks will be used to enhance outdoor areas to improve the break-time environment for students.

Should you choose not to purchase them, please return the cookbooks in new condition as soon as possible.

Our annual dance "Twist 'n' Shout", with local band Ran For Cover, held in May was a fun, casual night out. \$3375 was raised for 19 groups nominated by ticket-holders – Cycling and Volleyball were the most supported groups, receiving \$750 and \$1075. If you missed the dance this year, be sure to come along next time! See the Dance page on the TGS website for more details <http://www.takapuna.school.nz/about/pta-winter-dance/>

In June we hosted a presentation by Career Clinic – 'How to talk with your teen about their career'. Career Clinic will be holding a session in the school holidays for teens beginning to consider their career options.

Saturday 16 August: Comedy Night – Stars of 7 Days - Paul Ego & Dai Henwood with special guest Nick Rado. Get a group together and come along for an evening of laughs. Tickets on sale soon, \$30.

6 November – the 10th Annual TGS PTA Golf Day.

A local business directory has been set up, through YourSchool.co.nz. Information is available on the TGS website. We'd love to see this develop into a go-to resource when searching for local services. Please consider advertising your business to locals on the YourSchool directory.

Please see our PTA pages on the TGS website, or contact the PTA at pta@takapuna.school.nz for more information.

Ruth Blackman
TGS PTA Chair

For Your Information:

Junior Mid-Year Reports on KnowledgeNet – 23 July

Open Day – 24 July

Enrolment Evening in Library, 4.00pm to 7.00pm – 28 July

Junior Mid-Year Parent Teacher Interviews, 4.00pm to 7.30pm – 30 July

Big Night In – 3 August

Enrolment Evening in Library, 4.00pm to 7.00pm – 5 August

Subject Information Evening in Hall, 4.00pm – 13 August

International Evening in Hall, 7.00pm – 14 August

Enrolment Evening in Library, 4.00pm to 7.00pm – 14 August

Comedy Night (R18) (PTA) in Hall – 16 August

Fashion Show, Bruce Mason Centre – 27 August

Winter Tournament Week – 1 to 7 September

Internal Examinations – 11 to 19 September

Examination Feedback Week – 22 to 26 September

Interim NCEA Transcript Results on KnowledgeNet – 26 September

Celia Lashlie Event (PTA) – 25 September tbc

End of Term 3 – 26 September

Request for Examination Assistance

Our Learning Services Department would love to hear from you, if you have a good command of English and some hours during the school day to help senior students with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia. We need volunteers to act as readers and/or writers for these students' 2-3 hour school examinations, which run from 11 – 19 September. Full training will be given. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Philippa MacMillan on 4894167 x9208 or p.macmillan@takapuna.school.nz.

Power Outages

With the recent power outages a reminder that Takapuna Grammar School still remains open for teaching and learning as normal, if another event should occur.

Shop Online

Shop Open 24/7: For ordering and payment of uniform items or workbooks, go to www.takapuna.school.nz and follow the link to our on-line shop.



Kick-Start Breakfasts

The KickStart Breakfast is a school programme that provides a healthy breakfast to students at TGS. The programme has been running since Term 2 and is open to all students. The programme is more than just eating a breakfast at school. The engaging environment encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibilities and grow academically through wider benefits of breakfast.

The TGS Peer Service Team was responsible for establishing the setup for the breakfast programme by sourcing plates, cutlery and cleaning equipment. They also continue to volunteer their own time to operate the programme every Wednesday and Friday morning before school.

The programme is supported by the Government. Sanitarium

provides the Weetbix and Fonterra provides the Anchor milk. Of course we are always looking for donations from the community such as fruit and honey to make the breakfast a special one – if you can assist please contact Grant Simpkins – Student Services on g.simpkins@takapuna.school.nz

During Term 3 the breakfast programme will run every Wednesday from 0900-0945 in the Peter Blake Building atrium or outside in the PB courtyard weather permitting. Fridays will be trialled for the first couple of weeks to determine the demand and will start at 0800-0845.

All students are invited to come along to breakfast or to volunteer to assist in the running the programme – come along and try a free breaky in a lively environment.

Bully-proof students in Year 9

Identifying Bully-proof students in Year 9 is an important part of TGS's efforts each year to create a safe school climate. In order to develop a culture which prevents bullying and encourages bystanders to speak up about any bullying they witness, every student in Year 9 nominates students in their class whom they consider bully-proof. From these nominations, two bully-proof students are identified in each Year 9 class. Being bully-proof means they don't get bullied, they don't ever bully and, more importantly, they would stand up for anyone being bullied.

These bully-proof students have met with the senior Peer Leadership team, discussing ideas for creating and maintaining a safe and happy school. Deans will also consult with the bully-proof students to follow up any bullying or relationship concerns raised by Year 9 students.

Please contact the Year 9 Deans or Mary Pottinger, HOD Student Support for more information.



Local Shakespeareans go national: TGS Head Girl, Maya Wyatt, and co-star, Andy Song, earn a Harcourt's award.

Maya Wyatt and Andy Song, whose performance won them a 15 minute place at the Sheilah Winn Festival in Wellington, have now got a place in the National Schools' Shakespeare Production. And Maya won the Best Performer Award to boot.

Their scene, directed by TGS alumna, Harriett Maire, was awarded Best Connection between actors for its intense interplay of Cleopatra and a messenger bringing bad news. Maya won the same award last year playing Lady Macbeth under Harriett's direction.

"I feel really privileged to be presented with this opportunity. It's really wonderful to be able to further my knowledge of Shakespeare's work and I feel so lucky to perform such incredible pieces of art that still have such a presence in the modern world," says Maya.

Bijoux Nortje played Cleopatra's servant, Mardian, in the scene. Another group went to Wellington with them, doing a 5 minute scene from Macbeth. Natasha Birch, Kelsey Schutte, Charlotte Salthouse, Liam Cairns and Ayden Prinsen-Geerligs reported having a spectacular time doing workshops at the festival and seeing two top-quality productions in the capital.

The National Production is a week-long work-out with the young actors doing workshops, with top national acting and directing talent and performing in one of three different plays. It is a rare thing for two from the same group to be selected. From the National Schools' Production a select group of 24 is chosen to attend workshops and give performances at Shakespeare's Globe in London.

Enterprising youth

The Enterprise in Action weekend is a national event organised by The Young Enterprise Trust and is held at Massey University. This year it took place from the 13th- 16th of June and I attended with Zachary Johnson.

It is an opportunity where Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) students from all over the country spend two days collaborating with seven other motivated and like-minded people, in a team, to come up with innovative business plans and a presentation, with help from experienced businessmen acting as mentors.

The students face two challenges on two different days. The first is the Global Enterprise Challenge where the students are handed a global problem. In a nine hour time frame they must write up a business plan and present it.

On the second day we had to take the skills we learnt from the first day and apply them to succeed in the FedEx trade and Enterprise Challenge, where only six individuals can be selected to represent New Zealand in the global heat.

The Enterprise in action weekend was truly a unique experience for me. We had to apply all we had learned throughout the year from Young Enterprise Scheme in a limited time. Teamwork, communication, time management, and leadership skills were essential for the completion of the task.

I met 79 other likeminded students during this weekend, as well as many experienced mentors who will become a starting point of my business network. I would encourage students next year to take advantage of this event.

By Gary Qian, Year 12



Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award:

'Take your life to the next Level'

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award provides 14-25 year olds the opportunity to set goals and undertake self-determined activities with the aim of encouraging personal discovery and growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility to themselves and service to their community.

Achieving recognition in the form of a Bronze, Silver or Gold Level award is not easy as it requires determination and commitment from the student. Participants do not need to be a superstar in any one particular activity to achieve success. However, they do need to set personally challenging improvement goals and strive to reach them.

The Award Programme requires students to undertake a balanced programme of voluntary activities across four sections. The aim of the each section is:

Service: to learn how to give service to others.

Adventurous Journey: to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery whilst undertaking a journey in a group.

Skills: to encourage development of personal interests of a non-physical nature.

Physical Recreation: to encourage participation in physical.

TGS currently has 114 students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme. 64 students are completing the Bronze Award, 33 students are completing the Silver Award and 17 are completing the Gold Award.

Congratulations to the following students.

Bronze and Silver Award recipients Term One

Evie Atkinson-Wiles, Mathew Sherlock, Nina Minogue, Georgia Rafe, Georgia Rose, Sarah Winder, Adele Zhao, Storm Robertson, Debbie Peng, Stacey Choi, Harry Elworthy, Erica Gatland, Sabrina Kim, Kate Lee, Sunny Lee, Morgan Sharp, Diana Shaul, David Sorrenson, Alice Song, Alesha Brokenshire, Pip Charlotte-Green, Richard De Boyett, Sarah Han, Wendy Jian, Lucy Hill, Brighid Hurtubise, Ha Eun Kim, Jiwon Kim, Henry O'Keefe, Solhye Park, Sam Moon, Sasha Murray, Ellen Rowlandson, Andy Song and Evie Standley.

Gold recipient Term 1

Special congratulations to Claudia Brick Head Girl 2013, for being awarded the Gold Award in Term One.

Bronze and Silver Award recipients Term 2

Ciara Connolly, Lily MacDonald, Tina Price, Aaron Rom, Meg Stott, Guk Won Chung, Meg O'Connor, Liesbet Verduyssen, Bridget Connolly, Ella Sheehy and Hannah Waldron.

Gold recipient Term 2

Special congratulations to Courtenay Giles who will be awarded her Gold Award in August.

Students who are interested in Duke of Edinburgh Award should see Mr Simpkins (TGS DofE Coordinator) in Student Services or attend regular DofE meetings, held in the hall every Monday lunchtime.



It's all happening in Sports' Institute!

This term has been full on for both Sports Institute classes at Year 9 and 10. We have been extremely privileged to have many guest speakers who have shared their experiences and knowledge with our future stars. One of the highlights was having Eliza McCartney an ex- Sports Institute student and current Year 13 student, talk to our Year 9 classes. She shared with us the importance of working hard at school and passed on skills and information she learnt in our Sports' Institute programme. We wish Eliza all the best at the World Athletics Championship later in the year.



Run, Bike, Run!

This term the Year 12 Physical Education students undertook a four week training programme in preparation for the annual Year 12 PE Duathlon. The Duathlon event based within and around the TGS grounds consists of a 2km run, 8km bike followed by a final 1km run. With all the training done, the nervous, yet excited, Year 12 students lined up for the much awaited event. All went well, with only couple of minor accidents on the bikes!

Congratulations go to Lily MacDonald for winning the female race and Stanley Hannington, the male race. This was an assessed task, and it was great to see several students come away with Excellence grades.



A Mathematics mentoring programme

One of Takapuna Grammar School's annual goals for 2014 is to 'Build learning outcomes through the supportive benefits of Academic Mentoring'. In light of this goal, International Baccalaureate students took on the challenge to develop a programme that would inspire younger students at a local intermediate school to take their love and interest in Mathematics further.

Eight Takapuna Normal Intermediate students have met twice now with the IB student mentors. "We spent the first session just getting to know them," says Josh Morrison, "and they were confident and willing to show us just what they know. We knew we would have to work hard to develop activities that would inspire and challenge them."

Owen Alexander, Principal of Takapuna Normal Intermediate, said: "Our students are so motivated as a result of TGS offering something special. Our students are really benefiting from the challenge offered from the older more experienced, passionate Maths students."

The objective is to continue meeting with the TNIS students three times a term. Some students have an interest in computers so web-quests and online learning activities will be used. Other students have a strong interest in inquiry so going beyond the curriculum to investigate Mathematicians and their contribution to the world of Mathematics will become the focus.

Maatangi Whenua Geography Competition

The Year 11 Maatangi Whenua Inter-school Geography Competition is a nationwide quiz run by the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers. It is a great opportunity for keen Geographers to test their knowledge against other like-minded students.

This year, we were lucky enough to be able to select two teams of three to participate. All Year 11 Geography students were eligible to try out and team members were selected on the results of a quiz testing their geographic skills. Team 1 was Breanna De Gouw, Aidan Aubert and Michael Laws, while Team 2 was Leah Wilks, Jasper Edgar and Nathan Latch.

The North Shore regional round of this competition was held at Westlake Girls High School in mid-June. Our teams were put through their paces, moving round a variety of activities which tested their general geographic knowledge, mapping skills, navigational abilities and play dough moulding prowess. After completing 8 rounds, the results were in and both teams' hard work had paid off. Team 2 placed 2nd and Team 1 took out 1st place for the North Shore round. The winners of the regional rounds in Auckland were compared and Team 1 placed 2nd overall in the Auckland region, narrowly missing out on 1st place.



Auckland Secondary Schools Squash

This is the second year we have entered a team in the Auckland Secondary Schools Squash Tournament. The Premier Boys A Team was Chris Alvey, Harvey Malva, Chris Diggie, Chris Pirie and Michael Laws. Competing in the First Division, they played several hard fought and close matches against St Kentigern's, Massey High School and the eventual winners of the competition, Westlake Boys.

It was a great opportunity for the boys to extend their skills and to

challenge themselves against some of the top Squash players for their age group in Auckland. They finished an outstanding fourth place.

The team now prepares itself for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Squash National Tournament, to be held in Nelson, in early August. Entering this competition is a first for the school and we wish them all the best. Many thanks must go to Manu Yam, the team's coach, and Mr Alvey the team Manager for all of the support they have given to date.

Term 2 – Sports Achievement

Aidan Aubert
Harry Cronshaw
Chloe Kim

selected for the North Harbour U16B Boys' Water Polo team

selected for the North Harbour U14C Boys' Water Polo team

5th - ASS Individual Swimming Championships, Girls 13 and under 50m Butterfly, 3rd 50m freestyle, 2nd 100m butterfly, 7th 100m IM.

Brett O'Neill
Briahna Sheehan
Hayden Worsfold

selected for the North Harbour U16A Boys' Water Polo team

selected for the North Harbour U14A Girls' Water Polo team and the U16C Girls' team

3rd - ASS Individual Swimming Championships, Boys 16 and over 50m Breaststroke and

2nd - ASS Individual Swimming Championships, Boys 16 and over 50m

Michael Worsfold

3rd - ASS Individual Swimming Championships, Boys 13 and under 50m, 3rd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 100m Breaststroke, 5th 100m IM.



Cycling Final

The cycling programme has become a strong force over the past few years and this year the students are pushing it to another level again. The programme is made up of mountain biking, road cycling and Pedal Power – the school led student group aimed at encouraging students to ride/walk to and from school and be more sustainable in their transport options.

The mountain biking club formed this year after having had a few students enter events the last couple of years. The core group of five boys meet each week to ride together and gain skills in the local terrain and also join JAJA kids – the Auckland Mountain Bike Clubs Junior Academy programme.

Results are paying off in their first major competition – North Island Secondary Schools Champs - with three finishing in the top third of the U15 category (Jeevan Gossage Krishan 4th, Callum Erskine 8th and Scott Thomas 14th). Our fourth rider at this event, Dan Finnemore had a bike breakage during the race, otherwise he would have placed in the U17 category.

The students have also raced in two Auckland Secondary School cross country races around Auckland again with some fantastic results: Dan placing 5th and 9th, Jeevan 2nd, Callum 3rd and an unfortunate crash but still placing 9th, Scott 5th and 7th and Seb Jones 8th. This sport will continue to grow and develop and we encourage more students to join in our weekly Tuesday rides from school.

The road cycling season has also started extremely positively with 47 riders signing up. The season always starts with a camp at Waihi Beach but this year we had our senior riders ride part of the way to Waihi to start their weekend off. It's a great weekend of learning, time on the bike and skill learning as we cover all aspects of this sport in one weekend.

The real competition started during Term 2 with the first road race at Pukekohe. The North Harbour Tour followed shortly after and the riders have also raced three Team Time Trials on the Mangere circuit and taken a day trip to Cambridge to train for the North Island Secondary Schools Champs, held the first weekend of the school holidays.

Outstanding results from this term's road cyclists include:

Pukekohe Road Race: 1sts for Jacob Kench (U16), 2nds for Harry Waine (U16), 3rds for Tessa McNair (U19), Meg Stott (U17), Renee Young (U14), Jack McKinney (U15).

North Harbour Tour: 1sts for Harry Elworthy (U19 Criterium, Individual Time Trial and Road Race 1), 2nds for Harry Elworthy (U19 Road Race 2), Jacob Kench (U17 Road Race 1), 3rds for Ellie Cowan (U19 Criterium) and Adam McPheat (U15 Road Race 1).



Auckland Secondary Schools Team Time Trial: 11 teams entered into this series with our top results being: Senior Boys A 2nd, 1st and 2nd, Junior Boys A 1st, 2nd and 1st, Senior Girls A 2nd, 2nd and 3rd across the 3 race series thus far.

Pedal Power was established in 2013 in conjunction with Harbour Sport and Auckland Transport to encourage students riding to and from school on their bikes. This year they have organised Bigfoot Adventures to come in twice and offer free maintenance on students bikes who ride to school. They have also offered a free Intro to Road/Bike course. This course will again be offered during Term 3 to the junior students and will reach 80 students and teach them level 2 cycle skills.



Business and Enterprise

The Year 10 students are investigating Primary Industry careers, with a view to promoting them to secondary school students. They research six different careers, shortlist three they believe are the most interesting and get creative, by designing and making a promotional strategy to raise awareness amongst their peers. The products will be entered into a national competition run by Young Enterprise and the winning team will receive \$375 of gift vouchers each.

The Level 1 Business students have been studying the process of recruitment for a small business. They have interviewed our partnership businesses, Pita Pit and Paper Plus, to investigate how they recruit and why they do it that way. Warehouse Stationery also came into school to discuss the process from a larger business perspective. The students were surprised to find out how much online research a company does on a person when they apply for a position

in their business. This led to a good class discussion about their own personal social media profile and perception as they move into thinking about part time jobs.

Level 2 Business students visited The Warehouse to learn about online channels and customer service. They found out that the Warehouse group has grown and has acquired many well-known online businesses such as Torpedo 7, I love beauty, 1 day and their own Red Alert site. We were shown the images above which really highlighted the change in the landscape for technology as both images relate to the inauguration of Popes, only eight years apart. This increase in technology is something that businesses have to embrace and keep pace with if they are to retain and satisfy their customers in the digital age. The Warehouse has become a multichannel business to address this issue and by 2020 it is believed that the internet will be part of 68% of all shopping experiences.



The Level 3 Business Studies students have also been very busy, as this term has been all about putting their business ideas in front of judges. All the companies practised and perfected their business pitch. This means a great deal of hard work and talking in front of the mirror as they all worked on their presentation techniques with the added help from Toastmasters who came into school to assist them develop their style and technique.

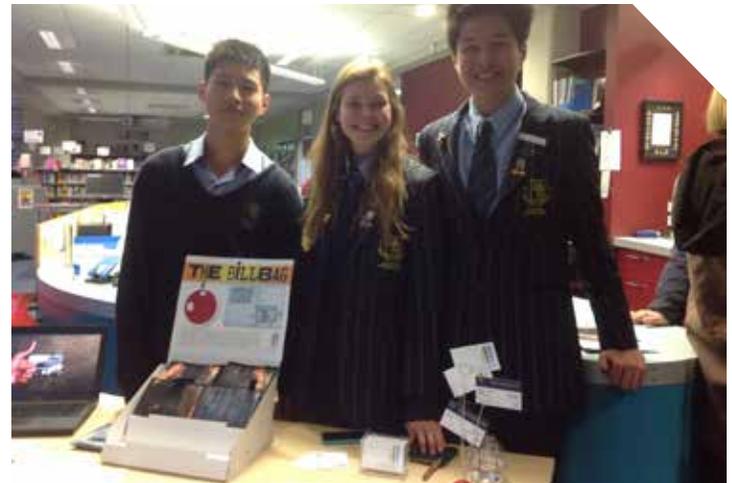
The companies went through many practice rounds on the way to the main Dragons Den event which was held in school at the end of May. All of the teams competed against each other and they all raised their game for this challenge. The school runner-up was Onboard: Madison Johnson, Albert Cho and Gary Qian. The school winner was judged to be Closing the Loop: Sophie Turner, Ella Sheehy, Sophie Hilton, Logan Moore, Liam Mullane and Zach Johnson.

Closing the Loop went to Massey University at the beginning of June to compete in the North Auckland Regional YES Dragons Den and they were judged the best company, over eight other very strong teams from other schools.

The focus for all the Companies now moves to selling and on a very wet and windy Thursday at the end of June, business people, friends and supporters packed the school library to attend the YES 2014 Product Launch. All the four companies successfully presented their products and they made their first sales!

If you are looking for a new innovative way to fertilise your garden or a Bill Bag that holds your phone, keeps it dry and protected while still allowing full use through the bag, or perhaps wish to try a new smoothie or keep your keyboard free from grease please contact Mrs Johnson or the CEOs listed below as they would love to hear from you.

- Closing the Loop CEO – Sophie Turner
- Onboard CEO – Madison Johnson
- Keep Kool CEO – Paul Maxey
- Alflex CEO – Sean Lamont-Bennett





A delightful evening

Ranging from the traditional Korean Fan dance to modern K-pop music, a variety of groups and individuals contributed to the success of Korean Night 2014. The school hall catered for an audience of several hundred people waiting to watch and enjoy.

The school choir, Skat-a-Tak, opened the night with their amazing singing, followed by the traditional Korean Fan dance group who truly made a fantastic performance.

Various talented individuals flaunted their beautiful vocals and beats. At one point, the hall was full of K-pop chants and catchy choruses; at another, the audience let out sighs of relief and gasps of amazement at the Tae-Kwon-Do warriors.

For the audience it was not only entertaining but also inspirational. Such beautiful blends of culture in the performance and the vocals really accentuated the multicultural aspect of the school and community. The greatest appreciation goes to the organisers, helpers, performers and the audience. Likewise, the great organisation and devoted commitment they made was clearly illustrated by the grand success of the night.

Model United Nations Assembly

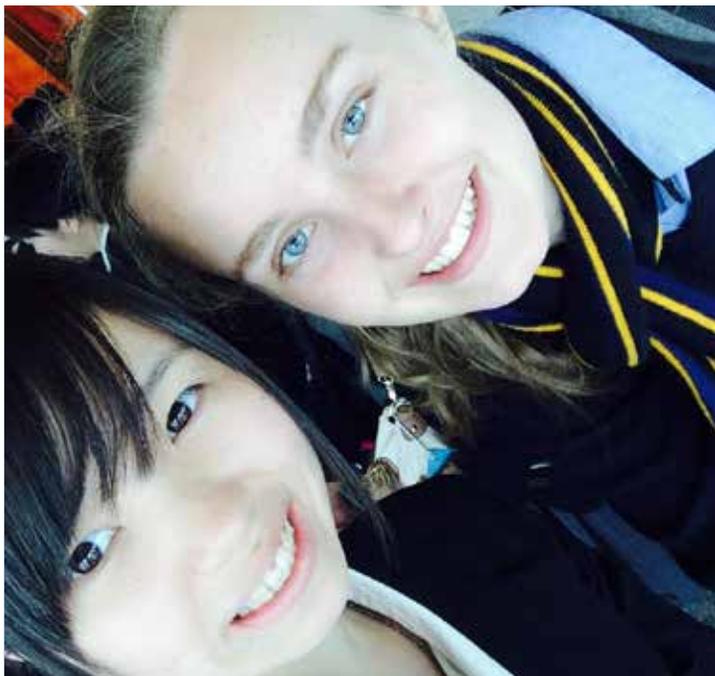
Upholding a strong tradition of involvement at Model United Nations, a group of eight senior students participated in the MUNA event at Auckland Girls' Grammar School in mid-May. Dressed the part, either in costume of the country or in formal dress, they represented Rwanda, Colombia and Azerbaijan, presenting their arguments on a range of international issues from the view-points of their respective countries.

As always it was a good opportunity to learn about different countries as well as the workings of the United Nations - not to mention the good food and all the fun to be had, net-working with delegates from other schools.

Danielle Desvaux de Marigny and Aodhan Taylor-Innes represented Rwanda, which, as a member of the Security Council, necessitated thorough preparation and the ability to communicate well. They were awarded the prize for Best in the African bloc.

The other delegates were Augustine Morgan-Guthrie, Andy Song and Tim Spring (Colombia), and Alice Kim, Wendy Jian and Gary Qian (Azerbaijan). All three delegations performed well on both days.





Farewell to International Students

The end of Term 2 will see the departure of 32 International Students. Some of these students have been with us for more than two years while others have been at TGS for only a few weeks. Regardless of their length of stay, we hope that they will leave knowing they have experienced something unique in choosing to come to New Zealand and Takapuna Grammar School, to continue their education. We hope they return to their home countries with good memories of their school life at TGS and their lives in NZ. We wish them well.

Next term sees the arrival of more than 60 new International Students who will come here to enjoy and encounter the same experiences that TGS and NZ provide.

Being big brothers and sisters

In late June, Year 1 and 2 International Baccalaureate students met up with 200 Japanese students from Mukonoso High School, a school situated in Hyogo Prefecture, in central Japan. The senior high school students were here in New Zealand for six days as part of a global communication programme.

IB students spent two days with the visitors in the central city. The objective of the event was to assist the Japanese students develop their English communication skills.

Our students planned visits to places around the city of cultural interest. They visited the Sky Tower, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Aotea Square, Victoria Market and the Art Gallery. Visits to the supermarket for manuka honey and other 'kiwi' food and lunch at Burger King were other highlights of the day.

Student feedback from our students was positive. They found the event to be challenging in terms of communicating with students who lacked strong English skills. The odd word in Japanese and a skillset of charades was helpful. Ha Yeon Kim, one of our IB students who attended the sessions had this to say:

"Being a tour guide was a new experience for all of us and was a challenging opportunity to collaborate, develop our leadership skills and focus on our own communication skills. We thoroughly enjoyed our time and are looking forward to doing it again next year!"





Musical triumph

TGS Concert Band competed at the New Zealand Concert Band Association Festival on Queen's Birthday Weekend at Baradene College. They gained a Silver Award, well-deserved after dedicating themselves to many long rehearsals and weekend workshops. This is an extremely positive sign for this ensemble, which now continues to prepare for their major annual competitive event – the KBB Music Festival – in August. Congratulations to the students involved and to their conductors, Mr David Stent and Mr Andrew Uren.



The Big Sing

The annual Auckland Regional Secondary Schools Choral Festival, 'The Big Sing' was held over three days at the Auckland Town Hall in mid-June. This year 67 choirs from 40 schools took part with Takapuna Grammar entering three choirs. The event culminated in the annual Gala on the Thursday evening where 24 of these choirs presented one piece to a most appreciative audience.

All three choirs, Skat a Tak, Leonessa and Sultans of Sing received Commended Awards. Sultans of Sing received the award for a Commendable presentation of an Other Styles work for their performance of 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life' and their Conductor, Jane Horder, received the Conductor's Professional Development Award. As well as these awards, Skat a Tak has been selected as a Reserve Finalist Choir for the National Final, to be held in Auckland, in August.

As well as the success of our choirs, two girls Barbershop Quartets competed at the Young Singers in Harmony Regional Competition in June. The Foxy Pitches were placed 1st and The Feminims, placed 3rd. Both Quartets will compete in the YSIH Nationals in Wellington in August.



Both Jane Horder's Barbershop quartets are going to Wellington for the nationals.
 At back: Poppy Ross, Katherine Aitken, Amy Juer, Ella Cornfield - The Feminims
 At front: Amy Robertson, Bijoux Nortje, Mo Horder, Alexandra Blakely, Phoebe Johnson - The Foxy Pitches



Drama Wardrobe and Makeup Supervisor, Ms Annamarie Dixon, applies Frankenstein's monster features to James McInroy for a L2 Drama production featuring James as the monster and Adam Pomeroy as Frankenstein.



Harvey Merton and Bradon Houston ready to clown for a Year 10 Drama assignment.

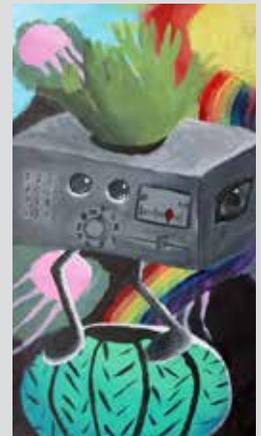




For The Record - Year 9 Art

Work from our two Year 9 Art Programmes is featured on these pages. The painted vinyl records- produced by our 9 Core classes- were inspired by the street artist and musician Jay Dub's. Students used art terminology and paint techniques to investigate his work. They then picked their favourite musician to feature on their own painted record.

The Pop-Surrealist artist Jeff Sotro was the inspiration for our 9 Extension Art paintings. Students researched about the influences that impacted on Jeff Sotro's Artwork and then created both a written and painted response. They developed ideas for their own quirky creatures by combining imagery of household utensils and appliances with organic forms. Their most interesting idea then became the focal point for their final paintings.







Grammar Link

Boys from Bayswater - A True Story

My name is Harold Hamon Blampied, and I was born at home, No. 12 Beresford Street, Bayswater on 12 September 1920. The Western World was becoming gripped in a severe economic depression. I can remember Dad carefully counting out his reduced wages on the breakfast table and trying to explain basic economics to Mum. After seeing her meager housekeeping, Nona and I broke down in tears as we realised just how real the depression was and the effects it would have on our young lives and the community we knew so well.

The Bayswater community pulled together. Dad founded the Bayswater Beautification Society - professional men who couldn't find work joined him, exchanging pens for picks and shovels; good pay for survival rates under the Government's 'No. 5 Scheme.' 'Bays Mud' as it was then called, was slowly but surely beautifully transformed. Along with other women in Bayswater, Mum offered practical and moral support to other families less fortunate. Mum had a great sense of humour. She was born in Sydney and often called herself 'The Great Australian Bite.' She owned a Joke Book, so laughter would often be prescribed as the best medicine!

I, and my best friends, Ian Reid and John (Jock) Waddell called ourselves the 'Three Musketeers'. Three White families lived in the neighbourhood. Mrs. Reid named them the Mac Whites, (Scots,) the Back Whites (who lived at the back of us,) and the Monkey Whites - (they had a monkey who lived in their hedge). The Three Musketeers helped lay a chip tennis court at the back of our place using old naval boiler tubes and wire netting, along with a mini golf course - holes made and sunk with empty baked bean tins. Mr. (Mac) White had the only wireless in the neighbourhood so we all crammed around it to listen to the wrestling. Mr. Reid (who introduced rugby to Belmont Primary,) and Mr. Waddell were leaders and helped to run our community and sporting activities. We held fairs, learnt to sail, raced, had swimming/diving competitions in the salt water pool at the Takapuna Boating Club and went to dances there, where we got to know many pretty local girls. We kept

Leghorn fowls for eggs and chicken meat, ate rabbit and grew our own vegetables. We were all self-sufficient and life was very, very good.

We all attended Takapuna Grammar School and all played sports, formed jazz bands and appeared in musicals. Sadly, the school lost 83 of their ex pupils in World War 2.

At the age of 17, I worked as a proofreader for the NZ Herald, and Ian, for the Auckland Star. I fell in love, but war broke out on 4 September 1939. Life was never to be the same again, and all our families and friends in Bayswater were broken up.

Both Mum and Dad had served in WW1. Mum as Nurse with the Voluntary Aid Division in Walton-on-Thames, England, and Dad as a Lieutenant in the trenches of France. After the war he was awarded the Military Cross, with the rank of Major. Miraculously Mum was able to nurse her wounded husband back to health. Dad and I were both called up, which was most unusual. Dad was 47, and I, just 18. Dad's experience with Lewis guns in WW1 was needed once again, this time to help defend the Ports of Auckland. Jock and I were mobilised with the rank of Gunners to Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf with the 9th Coast Regiment. Nona left home to become a nurse. Mum, along with most of the Bayswater women were left at home alone to support the war effort, and each other.

Ian joined the RNZAF 75 Squadron, RAF and flew Wellington bombers in the European theatre. He was killed in action on 3 July 1941, aged 23 years. His bones still lie somewhere in the North Sea. Mr. & Mrs. Reid lost all their three sons. However, they had two daughters, Betty and Margaret. Jock transferred to the RNZAF 50 Squadron, RAF, and flew Hampden bombers. On 12 October 1941, he was killed in action, aged 22 years. The plane crashed into a building in Dusseldorf, the force of the crash stopping the town clock precisely at midnight. Monsignor Marquesa, a Frenchman and expert bomb disposal expert, was on duty. On investigation, he noticed a bronze cross lifesaving medallion earned by Jock at



Takapuna Grammar, lying next to him. He covertly slipped it down his boot just before the Germans arrived.

In 1942, I was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant where I was 2nd in command of a small battery at Motoroa Island in the Bay of Islands, comprising 44 men. Whilst waiting for an invasion, (which never happened,) our favourite pass time was rugby. We knocked down some trees and a telephone wire to make a rugby pitch - (which I got a rocket for) .We played against other army units and a memorable occasion was to play against a Maori unit, which included the All Black great, Johnny Smith. We actually won this game, with the rugby being better than how we appeared, wearing assorted club jerseys and underwear.

I wanted action, and after flying training at Wigram in Christchurch and in Canada, I transferred to the RNZAF 489 Squadron, part of the Coastal Command Strike Wings. The Squadron was based in Dallachy, North East Scotland, on the Moray Firth. On route from Canada to UK, I was lucky enough to visit New York. I was a keen pianist and got to see Lionel Hampton perform at the Savoy Theatre in Harlem – a once in a life time experience. I was operational with 489 Squadron from October 1944 until the end of the war. I became a Pilot Officer, and piloted Beaufighters – we flew day and ‘All Black’ night missions by instruments. Our Strike Wings division hunted and attacked German supply ships in and around the Norwegian coastline and

fjords which were running iron ore from Sweden to Denmark to fuel the German war effort. After experiencing many ‘dicey dos’ as we called them, I survived the war.

I knew the fate of my good friend, Ian but followed a lead to identify Jock. Just after the war ended, I managed to arrange a flight in a DC3 from London to Lille, France, where I met Monsignor M. Marquesa who showed me Jock’s bronze cross lifesaving medallion. At that moment, we both hugged one another, and broke down in tears.

Before I was repatriated I managed to wrangle a trip to Berlin – the destruction was mind boggling. On returning from Berlin I happened to meet Sir Harley Shawcross, the lead prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials who thought I was his pilot.

We were sent home on the good ship ‘Mooltan’ and arrived home on Christmas Eve 1945 to an emotional meeting with my family. I met with the Reid and Waddell families. It was especially hard for Mr. Waddell, who by now was an old man. For years, he tuned in regularly, by courtesy of the German authorities, to the Vatican Radio which broadcast names and information about Allied airmen who survived as prisoners of war. As hard as it was, I was able to provide some comfort and closure for them. We all slowly started to re-build our shattered lives, by striving to create a brighter future for our community in Bayswater.





Artist Rob Tucker

A rising star of the New Zealand art scene is our ex pupil Rob Tucker. Rob has been showing work consistently since he was 18. Now 26, his compelling images of ships and kitchen scenes have already won international acclaim. He has been exhibited with great success in the U.S., Asia, Australia and the UK and was recently featured at Art Melbourne on the New Generation platform, a showcase for emerging artists of note. He also was awarded the Royal Overseas League of Visual Arts Travel Scholarship, and has twice been a Travelling Show Finalist at the Wallace Art Awards of New Zealand.

“I like to celebrate and glorify the subject of living in my naive, organic style of painting. My work is heavily layered. I almost sculpt an impression of paint and mixed media.”

Rob presently has his first solo show in The Rebecca Hossack Gallery in New York. Rob found out from the gallery that one of his big 180cm by 140cm still lifes was selected to go on show at The Summer Exhibition held at the Royal Academy Of Arts, London.

<http://www.rebeccahossack.com/exhibitions/50/overview/>

Speed updating

The TGS Mathematics and Business departments provided students with the opportunity to discuss thoughts about the future with ex-pupils towards the end of last term. The 12 coaches ranged in age from 30-80, all working in various industries; including lecturers and designers.

This event provided students with the opportunity to have a realistic view on society. As Alice Song recalls, “It was an eye opener getting to talk with previous pupils. I took away a lot.” Other comments included; “I now know about a lot more occupations that I didn’t know existed. Maths creeps into a job in so many ways” and “I only wanted to talk to someone who did engineering but it had me interested in other jobs.”

From the coaches there was high praise. Linda McKay says “... it was fun....count me in for the next one”, while Junior Chan-Tung said, “I think the whole concept is fantastic and would love to assist where I can, especially using past pupils.”

On the day, students in groups of 2-3 had the chance to spend five minutes with a coach, and each session was half an hour. This meant that each student saw at least 4-5 coaches.



Too many mango salads consumed daily is just too healthy” 2014 Oil and resin on board



Speed updating meeting in the hall