

# International Student Newsletter

Term 2 2021



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Warm mid winter greetings to you all. Term 2 has continued to be an eventful one for our students. Opportunities abound for them both inside and outside the classroom. Some of the highlights have been:

- School production of Shrek
- Year 12 and 13 Ball held at the national museum of Te Papa
- International Cultural Day with stunning performances from a range of individuals and groups
- 'Northern Notes' our school choir obtaining two awards at this year's regional 'Big Sing'
- Drama productions
- Musical performances
- Sporting opportunities

Reports of your child's academic progress in each subject have recently been sent to you. You will see:

- The subject and level they are studying
- Assessment outcomes to date
- Assessments yet to be submitted or completed
- Attendance information
- Comments by the subject teacher

Our Dean of International Students, Ms Sacha Waller and I will look at each student's report and have an individual conversation about their progress to date. We will offer guidance as necessary and continue our talks around pathways and next steps for students.

I trust that your family and friends are well in these unprecedented times. I can continue to assure you that your child is absolutely fine and well and that they continue to be resilient, adaptable and happy. Their wellbeing is at the forefront of every conversation we have.

## Shrek The Musical

It was great. It was actually my first time seeing a musical play and more especially that it was at our school. Awesome actors/actressess, great singing, I really enjoyed the play.

*Libie (Phan Quynh Huong) Nguyen from Vietnam*

## Big Sing

It was a great opportunity for students to get involved, compete, express themselves and have fun. At the same time I've meet a lot of students from different schools. I have learned a lot at the 2021 Big Sing, about teamwork, many different cultures as well as other people around me.

*Harry (Dinh Hien) Vu from Vietnam*

## International Cultural Performance Day

The Cultural Day was very fun!! All the groups were great, so we wanted to take the stage to make it wonderful and powerful with a memory that we would never lose. Playing guitar in front of the audience was a lot of fun and a very significant time! I want to play again if I have a chance.

*Max (Makoto) Giga from Japan*



## Year 12 & 13 Ball

The Ball was the highlight of 2021, four hours went like four minutes! I enjoyed every bit of it and made the most out of it, taking a lot of pictures with my friends and classmates to leave memories since it's my final year. I'm jealous of Year 12 who will get to experience school ball again next year.

*Soyoon Lim from Korea*

For me, it was the first time that I had a chance to attend to the school ball. I did have a great time for catching up with some friends in my year group. We had a lot of photos together and I really enjoyed it!!

*Daisy (To Nghi) Quach from Vietnam*

## Badminton

Badminton is a fun experience for me and I love the sport. Although I wasn't able to get into the top team, I am happy being the first seed of the 2nd team, as I get to challenge myself with equally experienced, or better players, which makes it fun for me to play.

*Jaeyun Han from Korea*

## Hockey

I am thoroughly enjoying hockey so far this year, even though we have lost all our games this year, we are working really well as a team. The hockey season hasn't ended yet and I know for a fact that we will definitely win our upcoming games as a team. Like a wise man once said, you never learn anything from winning!!!

*Thisath Dissanayake from Sri Lanka*