

# International Student Newsletter

Term 2 2023



**Deb Mills**

**Deputy Principal/International Student Director**

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 of the classroom. Some of the highlights have been the wonderful school production of High School Musical, Year 12 and 13 Ball held at the national museum of Te Papa, participation in a wide range of sports, drama productions and music performances.

To keep up to date with academic results, engagement and attendance, please visit our Portal. I encourage you to engage in conversation with your student about their achievements and involvement in the school.

As you read this newsletter, I may have had the opportunity to meet you in person as an Agent, Parent or future student of Newlands College as I embark on my first marketing trip since Covid-19 to Thailand, Vietnam and Germany.

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Senior Ball



Students, myself included, were really looking forward to this event. I had a lot of fun with my friends dancing and singing at the ball.

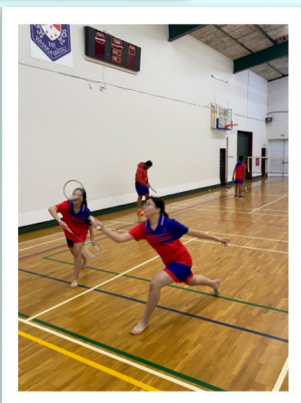
*Lara Leal Maltez de Almeida, Brazil*

I am Johanna from Germany and I got to attend the Newlands College Ball. It was the most amazing thing. I got ready with friends sang and danced the whole night and stayed at my friends house for the night. My teacher told us that the Newlands College Ball is the biggest one of that kind in

Wellington. We celebrated in Te Papa a huge museum and took pictures with photographers and in photo booths. I think this will be my favourite memory of my time in NZ.

*- Johanna Gruetzmacher, Germany*

### Sports



Since arriving in NZ, I have started to play football in the First XI team. The people on my team are really nice and even though I have never played before I get included in the team. I normally don't like getting my clothes dirty but playing in a team as cool as mine makes it really worth it.

*- Johanna Gruetzmacher, Germany*

Playing badminton not only helps me keep fit but also allows me to meet and make more friends both in and outside of school. I especially like the trainings because the coach helps me learn more about the gameplay and improve my skills.

- Mai Nguyen, Vietnam

I enjoy playing badminton because it is fun to move my body and I can communicate with many people.

- Lynn Hayafuji, Japan

I have played badminton in Japan for one year. Since arriving in NZ I have made a lot of friends and I am very happy playing badminton.

- Soya Suzuki

I'm in the top senior boys badminton team and I have competed in games against other schools. It is fun.

- Kaoru Urata, Japan

### Tough Guy/Gal Challenge



Tough Guy Challenge was very hard. I have never done a race like that before so it was so fun and exciting to do - Kaoru Urata, Japan

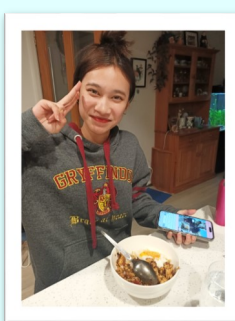
I was so tired because the Tough Guy Challenge was so hard. I enjoyed it but it is too hard to do again!

- Soya Suzuki, Japan

### High School Musical



Staged to full houses, our production of **High School Musical** was a hit!



### Homestay Life

I cooked some Thai food with my homestay. I like playing with the cute pets in my homestay, too.

- Preeyada Plianmaneeikul, Thailand

### International Student Committee



From Left to right:

Johanna Gruetzmacher, Jaeyun Han, Team(Chayapak) Kangthin, Sameer Ramola, Preeyada Plianmaneeikul, Zhe Zhang, Mai Nguyen, Kanan Matsumoto

I am very honoured to be able to lead the International Student Committee. I get to work with students from all around the world and it is interesting seeing the different cultures coming together as one. We had the Ball recently as well which helped me get along better with other International students. This makes me enjoy this position a lot. As for plans, we have an upcoming shared food and quiz night which we have been organising. I hope this turns out well.

- Jaeyun Han, South Korea