NEWLANDS COLLEGE - International Student Newsletter

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 - 13-19 years 1100
- Roll: · Quality homestay families provided
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Welcome from Ms Deb Mills **Deputy Principal** International Student Director

Term 4 has been a term of celebrations together with a focus on learning; completing portfolios of work and internal assessments, together with

sitting external examinations. Students are very well placed to achieve excellent outcomes this year. Numbers of students celebrated their success at our recent celebration evening, formal assemblies and prize giving. You can read about their successes further in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Homestay families who have continued to provide outstanding support and guidance to our students.

Farewell to our students leaving us to return home or pursue further education in New Zealand. I wish you all the very best for a successful future and please do keep in touch with us.

To you all, have a very happy and safe holiday season and I look forward to connecting with you in the new year.

Donna Yee **Homestay Coordinator**

It is an absolute pleasure to welcome Donna Yee to the

International Student Team as Homestay Coordinator. Donna is very well connected to Newlands College; her two daughters attend the school, her family have hosted International Students and she lives and works in our community. Donna is passionate about supporting students and



host families to maximise their experience while attending Newlands College. Donna and Megan will share this role and further details will be provided to you in the new year.

Sacha Waller **Dean of International Students**

The final event organised by the International Student Committee this year was the Leavers' Dinner at

Somtum Thai in the city. It was lovely to see all the international students and their friends celebrating the end of a successful year together. A big thank you to the International Student Committee members and especially Jaeyun Han as our Student Executive Committee representative for all your hard work this year organising numerous events for students to attend during the year.



International Relations Award For leadership, helpfulness and an exemplary example of cross cultural relationships Jaeyun Han from Korea



Jaeyun is one of the most efficient and inclusive international student representatives we have ever had the pleasure of hosting at our school. He has the ability to bring students of all ages and cultures together in a positive and inspiring manner. He is ever present with his camera, recording special

school memories of not just our international students, but the wider school community. His media talents will be forever immortalized with the many different videos he has produced, including the fantastic promotional video for future international students he has just completed. We thank you Jaeyun for the many, many hours you have devoted to school projects, and for helping international students experience the very best NZ school journey ever.

At the recent Celebration of Sport, Jaeyun was also presented with the Student Coach of the Year and Killara Trophy for outstanding leadership and contribution to sport in the school on and off the field of play. An outstanding achievement.

Jaeyun was also presented with the Media Person of the Year at the recent Arts Awards

Mai Nguyen from Vietnam - Overall Academic Achievement in Year 12



Mai is a diligent, dedicated, hardworking student who has worked incredibly hard to achieve her outstanding academic success.

1st NCEA Level 3 (Year 13) Chemistry 1st Mathematics 1st Environmental Science 2nd Biology 3rd Earth and Space Science

Arts Awards



Jaeyun Han - Media Person of the Year Iris (Tran Nguyen Bao) Le - Nominated for Actor of the Year Bunni (Minh Thao) Dinh - 1st = the Year 10 speech competition

End-of-Year Programme for Senior Students Not Sitting NCEA

Johanna Gruetzmacher from Germany

"We had a lot of fun walking around with the animals at Staglands. The animals were very tame and let us pat them. The paradise ducklings were my favourite."

Kanan Matsumoto from Japan

"I really enjoyed visiting Weta Workshop. It was so interesting to hear about new technology for making films. I like to take photos so it was very relevant and interesting for me."

Kaoru Urata from Japan

"My favourite activity was paintball. That was my first time trying it. I didn't realise getting hit by the bullets was so painful, but it was a lot of fun." **2023 A Retrospective**

Reminisce on the year that was by browsing through term by

term highlights including video, photos and write ups, all in one handy location. This wil be available on our website in December.

Senior Academic Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients for their achievement of academic excellence.

Jaeyun Han

Year 13 Achievement: 1st Physics

Iris (Tran Nguyen Bao) Le

Year 13 Achievement: 1st Drama

Junior Academic Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients for their achievement of academic excellence.

Bunni (Minh Thao) Dinh

Year 10 Art

Summer (Chayaporn) Phansombun Year 10 Health and Physical Education

International Student Video

You may like to have a look at a new International Student video that has been proudly produced by Jaeyun http://www.newlands.school.nz/International-Student-Video

Thank you, and wishing you a very festive season!

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