



**Welcome from the office of
Ms Deb Mills
Deputy Principal
International Student Director**

Spring has sprung in Wellington, offering a delightful hint of the summer to come!

Term 3 has been an exceptionally busy term. There has been a focus on learning in the classroom as well as many opportunities for students to get involved and participate in the wider life of the school. These include activities such as sports events and trips, cultural week and performances, outdoor education trips and student led activities.

Recently there have been a great number of conversations with students, subject teachers and Dean giving vital feedback to students and the way forward for them as they complete internal assessments, prepare for their external assessments next term and choose their subjects and look at pathways for next year.

I would like to congratulate the International Students on a very positive term and I look forward to celebrating their successes with them in Term 4.

STUDENT VOICE

The Arts House Trust Secondary School Art Awards 2025 Finalist Fuji (Keticha) Akharakonkun

Fuji has been selected as a finalist for The Arts House Trust Secondary School Art Awards 2025. This year they had a record number of entries — to be selected as one of 70 finalists is a wonderful achievement.

*- from school newsletter,
comment by the Head
of Art, Ms Catherine
Dawson*



Seventy students from around the country were nominated for the Secondary School Art Awards that took place in Auckland on 11 September. I was

pleased to be selected and travelled up with a friend to the awards ceremony. It was a great experience and opportunity to see art work by very talented young artists from around the country. Although I didn't win a placing, I will continue to work hard to produce interesting and thought provoking art pieces for people to contemplate and enjoy.

- Fuji Akharakonkun from Thailand



MATHSWELL

Mathswell is a Mathematics competition for Wellington based high school students. We needed to solve multichoice and problem solving questions in a limited time to win. We won because our accuracy was the best compared to all the other schools. I am very proud of this victory with my team mates.

- Yifan Hu from China



Volunteer work at Paparangi Primary School

I took part in a volunteer project at a preschool, and it was an amazing experience. I read books to the children, planted strawberries with them, and received sweet thank-you cards. One of the



challenges was keeping the kids focused during story time and organizing everyone during the games, but it taught me patience and creativity. In the end, we had so much fun together, and it was a special moment of learning and joy.

- Ana Bittencourt de Carvalho from Brazil

Cyberpunk Event

We really enjoyed spending time with our friends and international students from different countries. Cyberpunk Ninja was really fun, but really challenging especially trying to walk across the roller up high. It didn't look very high, but it felt really high up when walking across it. Travelling as a group on the trains was fun too because we strengthened our connections with each other and had lots of laughs along the way together.

- Heng Hong Hak from Cambodia, and Lamoon (Kandaluck) Jaroenbun/Ling Ling (Pornnapa) Prakobvanichakul/Danchai Sae-Fang from Thailand

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Trip

We went to Adrenaline Forest and hiked around Porirua for our 11POE trip. Climbing at Adrenaline Forest was a bit scary because it is so high, but it was really enjoyable. Being with the group outside of school was a fun experience and helped us get to know our classmates better. It was a fun change from schoolwork.

- Prem (Premruethai) Toomthong and Cookie (Onnicha) Suriyachaiphan from Thailand



Winter Tournament Week - Football



This is my second year at Newlands College, my second football season, and my second tournament ever. I'm so grateful for all the support and love from my lovely team. Also, I truly appreciate the school giving me this amazing opportunity to experience the wider world of sports. Tournament Week has been absolutely spectacular. I've learnt a lot from this incredible experience. The Newlands College Girls First XI Team has always been like my second family. Thank you girls for everything this year. I believe we can come back even stronger next year!

-Yang (Xiaowen) Zhang from China

HOCKEY

I really enjoyed staying at the house with the Boys First XI Hockey team for Winter Tournament Week. It was a really nice atmosphere. The team activities with the coach such as going to the hot pools and indoor climbing were really fun. I got a lot of game time during Tournament Week. We had two really close games, a good win and two losses, so we finished eighth out of fourteen teams. I made great friends and awesome memories.

- Noam Kresser from Germany

