

*Word from*  
**Marsden**  
2018 *Whitby*



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Another cohort of graduates will leave the Marsden kohanga (nest) this year – the nurturing yet challenging educational haven in which they have been equipped to take on the world.

**T**heir preparation has been holistic, evidence and future-informed, and we know they have what it takes to live meaningfully, to accomplish all they set out to do, and in achieving that to experience genuine happiness. We can't wait to see them soar and see where fulfilling their potential takes them.

The Class of 2018 is no different to all those who have gone before. We are so grateful that Marsden's traditions across a proud 140-year history have seen each generation equipped to excel and influence positive social change in their time.

In keeping with this, the Board of Management has spent considerable time collaborating with our Principal this year to develop a revised Strategic Plan that will be implemented from 2019.

We are excited to launch the details of the Plan in this publication and look forward to the implementation of the associated 2019 Operations Plan at Whitby. We believe the delivery of these specific initiatives will ensure Marsden remains an outstanding, future-focused education provider, whose reputation for developing life-ready learners, will make it the clear Years 7–13 choice for girls and boys in and around Whitby.

Many of the goals won't come as any surprise to those of you who contributed to the 'What next for Marsden?'



discussions led by the external facilitator we engaged to work with us as the first step in the Strategic Plan development process. They strongly reflect the consensus that emerged across 29 groups of more than 300 students, staff, parents, alumni and School Association members who considered what it would take to keep producing graduates able to succeed in life and the world of work they will inherit. The themes correlated closely with our research, and once aligned with our unique context, enabled the chosen goals to be clearly articulated.

We look forward to working with and supporting all members of the Marsden community to deliver the outcomes that bring life to our vision, meaning to our values and outcomes that build on our proud traditions. Our heart, Te Manawa o Te Kura, continues to beat strongly, supporting all our students, so they don't just fly but rise and soar.

**Cheryl Middelkoop**

*Marsden Board of Management Chair*

## An additional word

We know you have enjoyed welcoming our new Principal, Narelle Umlers to your campus regularly this year. We join you in thanking her for her leadership which has contributed to the excellent schooling experience Whitby students enjoy. Pleasing roll growth is a clear sign that Whitby's inclusive and unique character is meeting need, and as such, is highly valued within the community.

It has been particularly gratifying to see Whitby's connections with the local community grow through an emphasis on relationship building and growth through expressions of service.

Every year I'm reminded that it's an incredible privilege to serve the school as Board Chair. I couldn't do so without the wonderful support of our parents, the members of our active School Associations and the ongoing interest and involvement of our alumni. Thank you to all community members who play their part so well in helping us achieve our mission. It is much appreciated.









Commissioning of Principal Narelle Umbers, with Marsden Whitby and Karori student leaders  
(left to right) Kian Knight, Liri Salz, Bella O'Meeghan and Kate Dobson.

## *Bullseye!*

**K**nowing what you're aiming for is the first step in ensuring you hit the bullseye. That's why Marsden's new student centred, future-focused Strategic Plan is so important. It ensures we all know exactly what our core target is. Knowing the why and how then allows us to follow through with the execution required to succeed.

The Whitby 2019 Operations Plan details the tailored outcomes we are committed to delivering for all students next year. I'm particularly excited that future-focused learning and teaching will be more explicit than ever, and that the adoption of a whole school approach to developing and sustaining student wellbeing will start positively impacting students from Day 1.

We look forward to working with you as we continue to invest in each student's future now.

**Narelle Umbers**  
*Principal*

## *An additional word*

As a fully embraced member of the Marsden family, I'd like to thank everyone at Whitby once again for the warmest possible welcome to your very special corner of the world. You've made it so easy to quickly love all that is Marsden, Wellington and New Zealand. I am so encouraged by your enthusiasm for and commitment to the school, its future and the future of every amazing student we have the privilege of educating together.

I also thank the Board for their trust in me and their incredible ongoing support. It was clearly reflected in their collaborative, focused approach to our strategic planning. Each member is such a gift to Marsden.

It has also been a pleasure working with Anne Winnall and the Marsden Whitby staff. Your commitment to every student is nothing short of inspirational. It's what makes all of you and the school so special.



# Marsden Strategic Plan 2019–2021

## ► MARSDEN VISION

### “Manu Rere Ao”

#### The bird that flies the world

Manu Rere Ao likens a Marsden graduate to a bird who is nurtured in the *kohanga* (nest) and *ngahere* (forest), then equipped to take on the world. Manu Rere Ao also references the natural setting of Marsden and the native birds and seabirds that inhabit its spaces.

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## ► MARSDEN MISSION

To lay the foundation for lives of meaning, accomplishment and genuine happiness. We develop confident, independent, creative, lifelong learners who are challenged to reach their academic and personal potential in a warm and supportive environment underpinned by Christian values.

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## ► MOTTO

### “Ad Summa”

#### Aim for the Highest

This means that we strive to be our best in all that we do. Our motto reminds us of our commitment to personal excellence ... being **our** best rather than being **the** best.

## ► VALUES

### **Excellence** **Hiranga**

Marsden Schools are high-performance environments where everyone aspires to be the best they can be in their academic and co-curricular pursuits.

### **Resilience** **Manahau**

Those who can pick themselves up and keep going have the greatest chance of personal happiness and success. Resilience is the explicit focus of a number of our programmes.

### **Creativity** **Auahatanga**

The ability to think outside the square, to respond to the challenges of today in innovative ways, to find new ways of working, thinking and living is vital to a successful future.

### **Service** **Oha**

It is important for our students to be aware of their place in the local and global community. In keeping with Anglican values and tradition, consideration for others is fostered and delivered through co-curricular programmes.

## ► GOALS



# 1

### **Future-focused Learning and Teaching**

Provide outstanding learning opportunities that equip students to create lives of meaning, accomplishment and genuine happiness.



# 2

### **Student Wellbeing**

Nurture and develop student wellbeing.



# 3

### **Quality Teachers**

Attract, develop and retain quality staff.



# 4

### **Community Engagement**

Provide opportunities for all community members to align, engage with and contribute to the School's objectives.



# 5

### **Sustainable Operations**

Optimise our financial, physical, natural environment and human resources.



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# Marsden Goals



1

## Future-focused Learning and Teaching

Provide outstanding learning opportunities that equip students to create lives of meaning, accomplishment and genuine happiness.

### Strategies

- 1A** Continue to deliver high-quality **core curriculum**
- 1B** Update and modernise curriculum offerings
- 1C** Explicitly develop **learning, innovation** and **life skills** through the core and option curriculum
- 1D** Develop **social and cultural** skills
- 1E** Fully leverage information and communications technology
- 1F** Expand student aspirations



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## Student Wellbeing

Nurture and develop student wellbeing.

### Strategies

- 2A** Foster a safe, inclusive and diverse learning environment that is affirming, encouraging and challenging
- 2B** Adopt a whole school, evidence-informed approach to developing and sustaining student wellbeing
- 2C** Encourage balance in student programming to allow for downtime and play
- 2D** Prioritise learning over assessment
- 2E** Provide opportunities for both excellence and participation in co-curricular activities
- 2F** Prioritise service and outreach in educational and personal endeavour

<b>Core curriculum to include:</b>	Digital, financial, entrepreneurial, global, health, environment, and civic literacy.
<b>Learning/innovation:</b>	Creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration.
<b>Life skills:</b>	Flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, productivity and accountability, leadership and responsibility, resilience.
<b>Social and cultural:</b>	The ability to effectively interact with others in diverse groups and situations with skills demonstrating understanding of and respect for what is important to people.
<b>Wellbeing:</b>	As defined by Positive Education; the science and principles of positive psychology. Equipping students with the knowledge and skills to foster positive emotions, engage in and appreciate new learning experiences, value and build caring relationships, develop a sense of purpose and meaning, and pursue worthwhile endeavour.





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## Quality Teachers

Attract, develop and retain quality staff.

### Strategies

- 3A** Adopt a whole school, evidence-informed approach to developing and sustaining staff wellbeing
- 3B** Support the professional growth of teachers to ensure their professional success and satisfaction
- 3C** Prioritise service and outreach in professional and personal endeavour
- 3D** Cultivate the teaching expertise and skill mix to support the School vision



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## Community Engagement

Provide opportunities for all community members to align, engage with and contribute to the School's objectives.

### Strategies

- 4A** Ensure regular, informative communication with parents. Identify and target new groups for communications around existing and future programs
- 4B** Cultivate all community members as key word-of-mouth ambassadors
- 4C** Actively grow School Association membership welcoming enthusiasm and skill set
- 4D** Ensure all effort in each Association is Strategic Plan/Vision focused
- 4E** Ensure the School Associations work together to implement the Strategic Plan and Marsden's vision and that all who participate have a positive experience
- 4F** Include Strategic Plan focus point(s) on agendas so effort is always aligned to implementation



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## Sustainable Operations

Optimise our financial, physical, natural environment and human resources.

### Strategies

- 5A** Operate best practice in safety and risk management
- 5B** Continually monitor external trends and internal realities to assess risks and opportunities for organisational health and effectiveness
- 5C** Diversify revenue sources to support operating and capital needs
- 5D** Prudently manage finances
- 5E** Prudently manage physical assets and environmental impact
- 5F** Improve operational efficiency
- 5G** Hire teaching and non-teaching staff with the expertise to implement Marsden's Strategic Plan and vision



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## Word from the *Director*

By now there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the world our tamariki will inherit is going to be vastly different from that of the previous generation.

Along with this realisation comes the understanding of a completely different mindset when thinking about skills and attributes required to thrive in the next 20–30 years. No longer will academic achievements and results be the decisive factor in success. Expertise in collaboration, self-direction, initiative, resilience and creativity and flexibility are going to be some of the most important qualities young people will need. This year I have been engaged in some excellent professional development around this very subject, through the auspices of the 21st Century Skills Lab and Education Changemakers. In conjunction with other members of the Senior Management Team we have been exploring the importance of the 21st century skills and looking at ways to introduce or substantiate their development in our school programmes. It has been a fascinating, exhilarating and

demanding process, but if we are to truly enable our young people to be citizens of the world – with all that that implies – we must be providing them with real life opportunities to develop and hone those abilities. For schools and teachers this will mean more project-based learning; increased opportunities to learn beyond school e.g. work experience, online, dual enrolment; new ways of assessing – and this has particular importance now as we are asked to give feedback on proposed changes to NCEA – and increased collaboration through the use of technology. It is an exciting time to be looking ahead and sharing in the next stage of educational change. As Frances Hesselbein said “Alliances, partnerships and collaborations are the language of the future.”

**Anne Winnall**  
*Director*



2018 has been busy, eventful and enjoyable so far for us.

We witnessed the school grow tremendously, with many new students joining us throughout the year. We welcome all of them to the wonderful community that is Marsden Whitby. The year started on a sweet note, with cake given to all students as a welcome from the Head Prefects.

We have also organised and run events across the school raising funds for charities such as World Vision and the New Zealand Cancer Society. We have raised over \$4,000 from these events which is a great achievement for our small school.

Our first event was Relay for Life. This year was the first time Samuel Marsden Whitby had their own relay team. Over 40 students participated in the event, which involved running throughout the evening and all the way through to the early morning of Sunday. This event required great resilience and grit, and those who participated in the event showed

commitment, courage and leadership, all for a great cause. The Marsden Whitby parents also showed great commitment by supervising us, staying awake all night. We even ended up placing 14th by running 326 laps in 16 hours, which is an amazing result for us. All of the students who participated in this event should be so very proud of themselves, and we can't wait to see the turnout next year!

Our next large school wide event was the World Vision fundraiser “The Great Whitby Goose Who-dun-it?”. This was the newest update to the Hunger Games Saga Event that has been altered over the past six years. This year, the mysterious disappearance of Mr Goose was left to the students to solve. This included a treasure hunt, water fight, an evening of fun and games and a senior sleepover. This addition to the Hunger Games Saga for Marsden Whitby was a success, and we would love to see this continue next year with the next set of students.

“So far, as Head Boy I have enjoyed learning new skills of leadership, organising events for the school, and also getting to know everyone around the community so much better. But for me personally, representing the school has been the biggest honour and privilege.” **Kian Knight, Head Boy 2018**

“As Head Girl, I am so glad to have had the privilege of representing the school in the wider community and taking part in starting and continuing traditions that I know will grow and develop over the years. I enjoyed getting to know students from all years better and being of help to anyone that needed it. We both will never forget this great year at Marsden Whitby.” **Liri Salz, Head Girl 2018**

We are extremely proud of the ongoing outstanding academic achievements of our students. In 2017 31 out of 32 students gained NCEA Level 1 (97%), 18/19 of eligible students gained Level 2 (94%) and 12/13 students achieved Level 3 (92%).

NCEA LEVEL 1	NCEA LEVEL 2	NCEA LEVEL 3
<b>97%</b> gained Level 1	<b>94%</b> of eligible students gained Level 2	<b>92%</b> achieved Level 3
<b>62.5%</b> gained a Merit endorsement	<b>52.6%</b> gained a Merit endorsement	<b>46.1%</b> achieved a Merit endorsement
<b>9%</b> gained an Excellence endorsement	<b>10.5%</b> gained an Excellence endorsement	<b>38.4%</b> achieved an Excellence endorsement

### Prize giving and Scholars' Assembly 2017

2017 Prize Giving was a very special event, which also marked the end of an era for the Winton family as the last of their three boys, all of whom had been Head Boy of Marsden Whitby, graduated. Congratulations to all our prize winners and our Scholar's Badge recipients Ilyas Rosslan, Joe Walker, Olivia Pettitt, Liri Salz, Qiyun Goh, Gabrielle Embury, Michael Lennon Winton and Aidan Fransen.

To achieve this students need to have gained Level 1, 2 or 3 Endorsed with Excellence. Congratulations also to our Academic Colours recipients **Katie Daly** (right) and **Nico Hackner**.

To achieve this students need to have gained at least 100 Excellence Credits at Level 1, 70 Excellence Credits at Level 2 and 65 Excellence Credits at Level 3. A big thank you to all students, families and staff for supporting each other and celebrating each other's achievements throughout the year!



Marsden Whitby students get the opportunity to experience real life projects and for seniors an exposure to what is happening at local university campuses sets them up well for life and learning beyond school.

Year 11 and Year 13 Physical Education students were thrilled to be given the opportunity to attend National Biomechanics Day at the Massey University Wellington campus. This was ideal timing as the Level 1 Physical Education students were working towards their 1.2 standard, which involves understanding of the body as it relates to the performance of physical activity, the main learning of which is anatomy, biomechanics and exercise physiology. Students experienced the use of motion sensors, pressure plates and pressure pads and took part in a national science experiment with results being relayed across New Zealand in real time. It was fantastic to see Old Collegian Lachlan Waugh who studies at Massey University and took one of the rotations.



Marsden Whitby students have access to Whitby and the Coast's wonderful outdoor lifestyle as well as Wellington's rich heritage. Trips, special events, speakers and challenges are all part of the fabric of life at Marsden.



The Year 11 PE Activities Days included tramping up the hills of Porirua's Rangituhi, followed by an afternoon rope climbing in Adrenalin Forest. Day two was based in central Wellington, where students learnt to belay and rock climb. This was followed by inline skating, sea kayaking and a final wharf jump. Overall an active couple of days where everyone learnt new skills, gained confidence, learnt about keeping themselves and others safe and worked as a team supporting each other through the various challenges.



▲ Head Prefects **Liri Salz** and **Kian Knight** attended a Cullen Breakfast with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern as guest speaker and, later, another one with ex-Prime Minister Helen Clark. The Prime Minister answered Liri's excellent question about mental health support for young people. Our Head Prefects also had the opportunity to ask Helen Clark questions and hear about her past and current work in New Zealand and internationally. She discussed a range of topics including refugees, New Zealand politics and gender. Marsden Whitby was one of the four schools chosen by the breakfast organiser to have a representative moderating the talk, and Kian asked some challenging and relevant questions which were answered wisely by Helen Clark. A wonderful experience.



▲ Year 9 spent a day in Wellington visiting Government House and Parliament. This was an extension to learning about Human Rights and how our country is governed. Highlights of the day included, at Government House, the beautiful art collection and gifts from people all over the world, while at Parliament, the excitement was all in the debating chamber, watching Winston Peters take on his role as acting Prime Minister.



▲ For a large group of students, the **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Tramp** was the qualifying tramp, meaning at its conclusion many of them would have completed their Bronze or Silver Award. The tramp was an amazing experience, pushed everyone to their limits and taught resilience and perseverance. There were breath taking views along the way, everyone helped each other and no-one dropped behind.





As part of the Y13 NCEA Physical Education programme student leaders did an incredible job running the Year 7 **Amazing Race**. Four teams headed into the Whitby wilderness where they faced a variety of challenges including a crossword, races, blindfold maze, stream crossings and a bush tramp treasure hunt. Collecting rubbish along the way kept the environment clean while the Year 7s challenged themselves and the Year 13s enjoyed the leadership opportunity.



▲ Year 12 History students visited the Anne Frank exhibition “**Let Me Be Myself**” held at the Dominion Museum Building. The exhibition told the story of Anne’s life and also emphasised the need to ensure we act when we see examples of intolerance, bullying and racism. Both **Thomas** and **Edward Couchman** had received training to be guides for this exhibition. Thomas (above) did a fantastic job of highlighting the important points of the exhibition.



The annual Year 13 Geography Field Trip to Rotorua.

Year 11 and 12 students attended a wonderful presentation by Tony from **Attitude NZ**. He spoke about happiness in life, that it is dependent on attitude, making good choices and finding your strengths and passions, stressing the importance of being involved in a variety of things. He likened life to chapters in a book. Some chapters are not always great but you can finish that chapter, open a new one and move on. With our Year 12s he talked about healthy relationships, the dangers of pornography, personal boundaries and tips on forming respectful and truthful relationships in our lives. He discussed the importance of communicating with people in real life, not always in the ‘online world’, because mirror neurons in our brains pick up social clues in people to make us feel more connected.



The senior girls attended the **Shift EmpowHer18 Conference**. The day started with a video message from Jacinda Ardern encouraging all to find their own inner confidence, followed by opening speaker Hon Julie Anne Genter – the Minister for Women – who inspired the girls to acknowledge that their wellbeing is their priority, always. She encouraged everyone to acknowledge the power of their minds, not fixate on trashy content, and be a conscious consumer. The girls took the opportunity to attend the many workshops on offer.

### Year 13 Kapiti Coast Geography Field trip

After several months of clear skies and sunny beaches the weather took a turn for the worse on the day of our field trip. We joined the Marsden Karori girls on our Kapiti Coast Geography Field trip as icy rain hit the bus and grey clouds obscured the sky. At Pukerua Bay we completed a field sketch and at Paekakariki, Raumati and Paraparaumu we cheerfully got off the bus and took measurements. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the day so that we could collect our data and see the wet and wild coastal processes in action!  
*Ethan Laplanche (Year 13)*





### New Zealand Festival – Porirua Schools Day – a special day of waka events held on and off the water

The Year 8 trip to the **Porirua Schools Day** related to both English and Social Science. English, because we experienced first-hand a piece of New Zealand Literature, a play; and Social Science because Kupe relates directly to discovery and ocean voyaging. The highlight of the day was the waka. The crew who had sailed their craft from Samoa welcomed us and answered questions. We learned how to tie knots and put on life jackets before boarding. We examined the steering pole and saw the engine below and the absolute highlight was when we were attached to harnesses and moved over the netting strung between the twin hulls. Suspended over the water, people could imagine being out at sea. Some lucky people also got to hoist the foc'sle.



◀ We were blessed to have the amazing **Revolution Tour** crew come back to Marsden Whitby to speak with Year 9 to 13 students. Paula Fakalata and his crew of talented singers, dancers and storytellers brought the message of hope and resilience to our students. Speaker Melissa told about the difficult issues she has faced and the importance of connecting with people, speaking up and handling stress. The anti-bullying message inspired students to show empathy and stressed the importance and significance of being able to say “I’m sorry”. They had students laughing, clapping, and dancing. **CoCo Tuffery, Thomas Lee, Kiriana Habib, Jack Field and Dylan Ball** hit the stage to show their moves with huge support from the school. Dylan came away in top spot with the biggest applause and a family sized bar of chocolate!



Marsden Whitby student **Aelfred Gater** helps William Pike remove his prosthetic leg. William spoke to Marsden Whitby and Karori students about his challenges and how we can overcome our own. Students in year 7, 8 and 9 take part in the **William Pike Challenge Award** over the school year and are required to engage in outdoor activities, community service and passion projects as part of this.





An enthusiastic group of students joined the **Kayaking Club** this year. They quickly picked up the skills to manoeuvre a kayak. Each session involved a trip on the inlet and started at a different location so students got to see different parts of their local community. Kayaking is also part of the NCEA PE programme (see photo).

## Parihaka visit

Year 11 History students visited Taranaki and learned more about the invasion of Parihaka. “We stayed at Parihaka Pa on Sunday night and heard about the impact the invasion had. The manaakitanga and the aroha we received during our visit was very humbling. We then went on to New Plymouth to visit the museum and archives at Puke Ariki and found out what impact the land confiscations had on the Taranaki region”, said Mrs Keenan.



Adrenalin Forest,  
Year 11 PE

**Liri Salz, Courtney McAllister and Qiyun Goh** (far right) laid a wreath on behalf of Marsden Whitby at the beautifully upgraded Porirua Peace Memorial in Te Rauparaha Park on Anzac Day. Lest we forget.







Marsden Whitby's renowned **Taiko drummers** perform at events Wellington wide and their gripping and exciting sets were hugely appreciated by the large crowd at the Northern Region Polynesian Festival. Tutor Erola Whitcombe is very proud of the group's hard work and comradeship, which has led to its success. Students enjoy learning rhythm, co-ordination and team work, and the fitness and strength gained are an added bonus.



Callum Walker

## Debating

The quality of the inter-House debating, and in particular, the House final debate, when Discovery faced Endeavour, on the motion "This House believes there should be a maximum wage", undoubtedly reflected the coaching and experience so many of the juniors and seniors taking part in that final, and the preliminary rounds, have enjoyed through the Wellington Speaking Union competition. Debating at Marsden Whitby is in good heart which is exciting and augurs well for next year.

Fantastic news for **Callum Walker** (Year 10). He has been accepted into the New Zealand School of Dance Associate Programme for 2018. This followed a nationwide audition process so represents an incredible achievement for him. Well done Callum!



▲ **Phoebe Lee** (Year 11) joined renowned New Zealand artist Michel Tuffery and twelve other students for a collaborative art project. The work included woven stars and kites and was displayed at Te Papa as part of the Matariki display. "This experience has really helped me with my art and has taught me new techniques that I can take back to school. Thank you Michel Tuffery for two great two days and an amazing opportunity", said Phoebe.

## Personal Achievements

**Qiyun Goh** (Year 13) successfully completed his Diploma in Public Speaking from Trinity College. Congratulations Qiyun.



**Tommy Morum-Kelly** (Year 11) was appointed a Student Ambassador at the 2018 NZ Festival and his entry into the Roxy5 Short Film Competition placed in the top 10.



**Isabella Sharp** (Year 7) played the tuba in the Anzac Day service at Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club; she played *Bethany*, *Little Brown Jug* and *Slaidburn*.





# The *Big Sing*

“This year the Marsden Whitby choir, Viridi Vocem, attended the annual Big Sing competition, accompanied by the wonderful Nicole Ting and Linda Monk. We performed three songs during the day session *Be Still My Soul*, *I te pō* and *Better is One Day*, and we won the ‘Adjudicator’s Award’ for our rendition of *I te pō*. Getting to sing on stage in front of an enormous audience was incredible and we all had so much fun doing it.”

*Olivia Pettitt, (Year 12)*

“The Big Sing showcased many new singing styles I have never heard before and inspired me to try to be more confident when I sing.”

*Anish Cook (Year 8)*

“We were one of the smallest choirs there. We all tried our hardest and sang our three songs beautifully. We received the Adjudicator’s Choice Award and a participation prize and I am very proud of our little group.”

*Scarlett Greaves (Year 9)*

“I have been participating for four years now and the Wellington schools never cease to send chills down my spine. The Big Sing is a great way to help you get the experience you need for music. It’s an amazing opportunity to sing, learn how to read music and have fun while you’re doing it! It’s also a great way to meet new people who share the same love for music as you.”

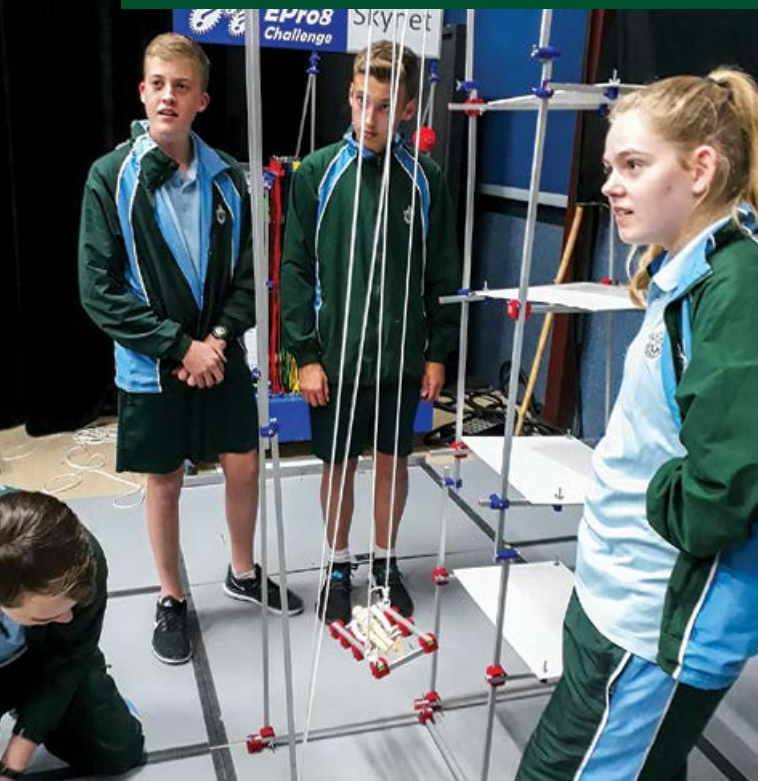
*Lupe Aitogi-Paese (Year 12)*

▼ We were thrilled to have special guest Te Hau Winitana, of Inana Dance, in Assembly. Te Hau told us of her incredible performance journey and reminded us of the precious cultural jewel that is Porirua. Thank you to **CoCo Tuffery** (Year 10) for her fabulous dance performance.





## Academic and Achievements



Congratulations to the Atheniacs (above) who worked so well together at the **EPRO8** semi-finals. They completed many of the challenges and placed fifth. Excellent teamwork.



◀ Two already outstanding Marsden Whitby leaders were acknowledged at the Be A Gift Leadership Awards. **Sophie Berry** (Year 8) and **Isabella Sharp** (Year 7) received their certificates and pins from the Deputy Mayor, Izzy Ford, and Rotary District Governor, Marion Johnstone. Head Girl, **Liri Salz**, gave the introductory address and received a special mention from the Children's Commissioner, Judge Andrew Becroft. Well done to all recipients. The tamariki of this region are leading the way in leadership and are clearly a great inspiration.



▲ Congratulations to **Sam Sexton** who came first in Class 3 at NIWA for his Science Fair project on the Fastest Sail Plan while **Jordan Hemopo** and **Ben Vickers** came third in the same class with their examination of EMR subjection and **Amelie Innocente-Jones** and **Scarlett Greaves** won the Engineering NZ prize for their Waste to Insulation project.



▲ **Ruby Scott** (Year 8) was presented with the **Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders' Award** at a very special ceremony featuring Mayor Mike Tana at Pataka Art + Museum in August. Well done to all recipients.

▶ This year two teams competed in **Tournament of Minds**, at VUW, in the brand new STEM category. There was lots of competition and Marsden Whitby Team 1 gained Honours.



At Marsden Whitby we prioritise service and outreach in educational and personal endeavour.



▲ After two weeks of learning a variety of skipping skills for the **Jump Rope for Heart** event the Year 7 and 8s took part in a “Jump Off”. Supported by the Year 11 PE students, they completed different circuit activities and finished with a large group jump on the long rope. Gold coin donations went to the National Heart Foundation.



**Relay for Life** was a superb example of teamwork, resilience, cooperation and servant leadership. The Marsden Whitby team placed 14th out of 79 teams; an outstanding result, but more importantly, much needed funds for the Cancer Society were raised. A huge thanks to all students who took part, and to the parents and staff who supported us.



▲ **Lupe Aitogi-Paese** (Year 12), volunteered at the Discovery School X Games, following a call for helpers from our student community. The very well organised event was a great success and Lupe enjoyed the opportunity; running the popular pulled pork pita and salad food stall, supervising some games and meeting people.



We wore onesies and pyjamas to raise \$369.30 for the **Wellington Free Ambulance**.



Year 12 (Level 2) PE students coached run, jump, throw and athletics skills to Discovery School students over a five week period. The student leaders wrote lesson plans, prepared and organised equipment and encouraged fun, fitness and friendship in all of their sessions. In return they gained valuable confidence, organisational, management, communication and motivation skills and built good relationships with the students they coached.

▶ Resolution House's **Valentine's Day Fundraiser** for the Red Cross raised \$236!

▶ We had great fun raising in excess of \$200 for **Pink Shirt Day's** anti-bullying campaign.



Marsden Whitby students represent the school in junior and senior netball, junior and senior basketball, hockey, futsal and football. In addition there is a school Running Club, a Badminton Club and students also compete on behalf of the school in equestrian, sailing, bowls and rowing events. All students take part in House sports, with representatives going on to regional events. Parumoana Sports and other specialty sporting events provide many challenges and much enjoyment.

### Athletics

We had some new and determined students who broke some long standing records at our annual Athletics Day in March. This was followed by the College Sport Wellington Western Zone Athletics, held at Newton Park. The weather was absolutely appalling with horizontal rain and wind but the Marsden team did us proud. **Selesitina Aliva** came second in the U16 Girls' Junior Discus and **Meg Kelly** placed third in the U14 Girls' 100m. In the Senior boys' High Jump, **Kian Knight** placed fourth and he also came fourth in the Triple Jump. **Thomas Lee** made the Finals in the 100m and our Senior boys' 4x100m Relay team of **Ethan Hunt, Thomas Lee, Kian Knight** and **Benjamin Webb** came third. Well done to all who took part.

### Cross Country

The Cross Country course this year was a challenging and interesting undulating run with lots of grass underfoot and some spectacular Whitby scenery

around the parks, tracks and lakes.

The junior students completed a 3.5km course, the intermediate students a 4.2 km course, and the senior students a competitive 5km race course. Excellent running talent was displayed and it was great to see our junior runners demonstrating grit and determination.

### Swimming

There were many outstanding performances at the swimming sports this year, held at the Coastlands Aquatic Centre. A particular mention needs to go to a number of students. **Wynter Tickle** won all of the Junior Girls' Championship events and **Anish Cook** won all the Junior Boys' events. **Vashti Hardy** took out every Intermediate Girl event while **Blake Paynter** and **Sam Sexton** fought it out in the Intermediate Boys'. Congratulations to **Phoebe Lee** who won every Senior Girl event and broke the 50m Freestyle and Breaststroke Records. In the Senior Boys' division **Todd Bishop** took out the Championship and broke his previous year's record in the 50m

Freestyle which now stands at 26.44s.

The Novelty House Relay is always a mass of fun and a supportive and encouraging environment for swimmers to make their way in any way, shape or form to the end of the pool – taken out by Discovery House for 2018!

### Parumoana Sports

Marsden Whitby students participated in Parumoana Sports **Athletics, Softball** and **Cross Country** this year, and late last year. In Athletics **Bailey Symons** placed first in the Year 7 Girls Vortex, **Sophia Brewerton** placed first in the Year 7 Girls 200m and Long Jump and second in the High Jump and in Year 8 **Rebecca Bowman** placed third in the Long Jump, 100m and 200m.

We took two teams of Year 7 and 8s to the Parumoana **Softball** Tournament in November last year and everyone enjoyed their games against Discovery, Plimmerton, Papakowhai and Adventure Schools. Some tight games, all played in great spirit.

Two Marsden Whitby students







made it to the medals podium at the Parumoana Interschool **Cross Country** Championships, held at Kāpiti's Queen Elizabeth Park on 14 June. **Sophia Brewerton** (Year 7) ran a strong and convincing race to secure first place in her year group, while **Oliver Philp** (Year 8) came third in his.

### Equestrian

It was a fabulous day at the Te Horo Interschool equestrian event. The girls showed great sportsmanship and riding skills, with their team coming third overall in the college team section. Congratulations **Lauren Hunt** on winning a special award for sportsmanship and care of pony.

### Tough Guy 'n' Gal challenge

At Marsden Whitby we focus on students' skills and ability in areas such as resilience, perseverance, tenacity and grit as well as on our academic

results. At the Junior Tough Guy 'n' Gal Challenge we had two Whitby students demonstrate many of these skills. **Anish Cook** also demonstrated great empathy, compassion and friendship. He ran alongside **Albertus Viljoen** throughout the course, coaching and helping out where needed while Albertus challenged and pushed himself and showed tremendous resilience. The boys came in to a huge roar from the crowd.



### Teams, teams, teams...





We are very proud of all students who participate in sports; who put in many hours of training, support their peers and enjoy the activities available to them at Marsden Whitby and beyond school.

### On and in the water



#### Barefoot skiing

Year 9 barefoot skiers **Meg** and **Toby Kelly** did very well at the National Barefoot Water Ski Championship during the Easter break. Competing in slalom, tricks and jump categories, Toby came away with one second and two third places, while Meg won two second places – performances that qualified the twins to represent New Zealand in the World Barefoot Water Ski Championships in Ontario, Canada later in the year.

#### Rowing

**Ethan Laplanche** (Year 13) and **Blake Paynter** (Year 11) continued to deliver great rowing performances in 2018. Blake started the year in fine form. Having won first and two second places



at the Norton Cup Regatta in October 2017, in February he was one of a four-man team that secured third place in the B Final Men's Intermediate 4+ at the North Island Club championships at Lake Karapiro.

The boys attended the Whanganui Championships, where Ethan picked up a gold and two silver medals and Blake took home a silver and two bronzes. A few days later Blake was at the McLachlan Shield regatta where he came third in the single scull and second in the double scull, and rowed in the U18 quad. He was promoted to Club category after only one season.

#### Swimming

Marsden students **Wynter Tickle**, **Todd Bishop** and **Thomas Lee** performed strongly at the National Swim Champs in March. Among his other placings Thomas took home gold in the 200m breaststroke and Todd silver in the 50m freestyle.

Both **Mawgan** (Year 11) and **Ciaran Bailey** (Year 9) were challenged at the end of year Port of Marlborough Champs. Ciaran came second in his Beginners Green Fleet and Mawgan was well placed in the Open Fleet, up against sailors of National Champ standard. For his endeavours at Picton 2017, Mawgan was awarded the David Lambert Prize for Courage and Perseverance by Paremata Boating Club at the annual prize giving in May!

#### Bowling

Year 12 bowler **Tannith Potgieter** has had a great year, taking out numerous awards and Championships including the Junior Singles Championship for the Johnsonville Bowling Club, the Champ of Champ 1–5 year Junior Singles title in the Australian Bowls Premier League, and her Women's Fours bowls

### On land



#### Moto trials – not about speed, all about skill

Our congratulations go to **Dylan Ball** (Year 9), who in March rode against seven adults and came second overall in the 'moto trials' event at the Mike Pero MotoFest, Hampton Downs. Dylan is a multiple New Zealand and Australian Junior Moto Trial Champion.

#### BMX

In February BMX enthusiast **Olivia Levens** (Year 12) demonstrated her excellence in the sport, placing second at the New Zealand BMX Club Wellington Regional Championships.





team qualified for the nationals of the prestigious 'Champ of Champ' competition with a win of 19–15 in the regional competition. The 16-year-old also won the regional Champ of Champ 1–5-year Junior Singles title and Tannith's success hasn't gone unnoticed: in May she was presented with three awards at the Johnsonville Bowling Club Annual Prize giving and received two further awards at the Wellington Bowls Annual Awards.

### Equestrian

**Madeline Leslie** (Year 11) has continued to achieve extraordinary success at equestrian events around the country late last year and this year, with her mounts Hollybank Santiago and Classic Beauty. She has taken out numerous placings and Championships at A&P shows and the Horse of the Year



In 2017 **Qiyun Goh** was a member of the Samuel Marsden Rifle Team which competed in the Wellington and Hutt Valley competition where the team placed fifth. In D Grade New Zealand Secondary Schools' Shooting Championship (SSS Champs) Qiyun placed ninth out of 32.

Show. At the New Zealand Under 25 Dressage Championships in Taupō she received an Achievement Award in the Wellington Dressage Awards.

### Running

A number of Marsden Whitby students joined the almost 14,500 entrants in the 2018 Cigna Round the Bays event, held in Wellington on 18 February. Running in the half marathon, **Thomas Lee** (Year 12) came second in the 15-and-under men's category, while **Phoebe Lee** (Year 10) came fifth in the women's equivalent. **Kian Knight** (Year 13) completed the 6.5 kilometre run in 32.01 minutes, **Samuel Wilson** (Year 11) ran 10 kilometres in 59.23 minutes, and **Harry Stewart** (Year 8) walked 6.5 kilometres, representing Marsden Whitby in his cap and shirt.

**Josh Kelly** (Year 8) did us proud in the Intermediate Boys section of the Central Plateau Ski Race at Whakapapa placing fourth in the 'Out of Zone' section.

**Alfie Gater** (Year 8) gained the rank of 4th Kyu Green Belt, after 18 months of training and a tough 2-hour grading session. Alfie is now attending adult sparring classes, working towards his Brown Belt.

**Bailey Symons** (Year 7) made the Wellington Under 13 Girls' Softball Team. **Greta Gilbert** (Year 8) qualified for the AWD Regional College Athletics in long jump, recording a jump of 2.15m and **Meg Kelly** (Year 9) was named in the Year 9 Kapi Mana Netball Representative team.



5 February was a red-letter day for **Catriona McCann-Whittington** (Year 12). She became the regional and national New Zealand Target Rifle Tyro (beginner-level) Champion! It was a truly magnificent achievement, as Catriona scored higher at 900 and 1,000 yards than the two members of the (adult) Japanese National Squad. The winning didn't stop there. In March she won the Target Rifle Tyro Aggregate Linkfield Cup at the Kiwitea Shooting Championship.





## A big shout out to all our dedicated staff for your continued enthusiasm, support of our students and another wonderful year.

The first full day back for all Marsden Whitby and Karori staff this year was spent at the beautiful Te Herenga Waka Marae at Victoria University. The welcoming pōwhiri and shared meal was a wonderful way to come together as a team, enhance our understanding and appreciation of Te Ao Māori and prepare for the exciting year ahead. We were proud to have Marsden staff member Sarah Molisa act as

our kaikaranga (caller) as we were welcomed onto the marae.

Wonderful news for our itinerant music teacher, Christine White (guitar, drums, composer, performer) who had enough material to release an album and successfully fundraised to complete it. Admire the wonderful promotional video made by our very own Tommy Morum-Kelly [boosted.org.nz/projects/christine-white-album](https://boosted.org.nz/projects/christine-white-album)

We say goodbye to Fay Lai who left

Marsden Whitby at the end of 2017 and hello to Megan Ward who has joined us in the Science Department. Caitlin Young left the Music Department and her place was taken by Nicole Ting. Pravin Vaz left us at the end of Term 2 and was replaced by Mike King. We will miss those who have moved on and welcome those who have joined the Marsden Whitby family!

## A big welcome from the Marsden Whitby Parents' Association.

This year has seen quite some change in the Association. Our long standing President, Susan Hunt, resigned after years of wonderful service and we thank her for her commitment to the school. Joanne Gilbert was elected as the new President. We are delighted that John Brook stayed on as Treasurer and Caroline Morris has taken up the role of Secretary.

We also welcome new members to the committee: Max Berry, Scott Sharp and Sue Payne.

We are thrilled to have been able to fund new items for

Marsden Whitby this year including a Garmin Inreach Explorer + E tracker, which will be invaluable on tramps, and an electronic scoreboard for the Gym as well as electronic invention kits and mBots.

We are looking forward to hosting the Leavers' Breakfast on Wednesday 28 November, a very special day and one we treasure. All new members and volunteers welcome.

*Your Marsden Whitby  
Parents' Association Committee*



# Deepening awareness of culture, traditions and society in Japan

Head of PE Coralie Morrison was selected to attend the Asia New Zealand Foundation's Sports Forum in Tokyo, Japan. Along with nine other Physical Educators from around New Zealand she experienced an action-packed week of lectures, visits to schools and sporting sites. Coralie says "It was a trip of a lifetime. Each day our programme was filled with inspiring learning experiences." In her own words Coralie describes some of her experiences:

The Japan Sports Forum is designed to deepen Physical Education teachers' awareness of culture, traditions and society in Japan. Japan is to host four major upcoming sporting events: Rugby World Cup 2019, Paralympics and Summer Olympics 2020 and the World Masters Games 2021. There were so many highlights. We met Principals, staff and saw PE classes at Aoyama High School and Senior High School at Ostuka, along with lectures at the Nippon Sports Science University. We took classes in Kendo at the University along with their students. One interesting observation was that all PE classes in Japan are single sex.

We attended a workshop with Mike Bellingham from Sports Travel and Hospitality Japan. He gave us an in-depth and extremely informative presentation around the process of organising a global sporting event; in this case the Rugby World Cup. This information will be valuable when teaching my Senior PE classes, through having the added understanding of what goes on behind the scenes.

Another highlight was the opportunity to attend the Grand Sumo Tournament. I left with a greater appreciation of the physical nature of sumo and ideas of how we could



Asia New Zealand Foundation Sports Forum teachers in front of the Government buildings in Tokyo.

incorporate the Budo into our Physical Education classes.

Overall I gained valuable insight into the sporting and recreation aspects of the forum as well as gaining ideas for teaching Physical Education and knowledge of Japanese cultural differences. I have been completely inspired to keep connections with Japan and have already been weaving my new knowledge into my Senior Physical Education teachings and Year 7 Social Sciences at Marsden Whitby.

Thank you Asia New Zealand Foundation for this incredible opportunity!

**Coralie Morrison**  
*PE Teacher*





## Whitby Old Collegians

Recent graduates include **Josh Hunt** (Year 13, 2014) who has graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Commerce and is now starting a Masters in the same field, and **Holly Williams** (Year 13, 2012) who has graduated in

veterinary science. Whitby Old Collegian **Harrison Leslie** (left) is living his dream in second year training at L3 Aviation in Hamilton. Harrison already has his private pilot's licence and is working towards gaining a commercial pilot licence within

the next three months. The end of his course in 2019 will see him with a commercial pilot's licence and instructor's qualifications.



## End of an era with the Winton Family



The 2017 Prize Giving marked the end of an era, the closing chapter of the 10 year association of the Winton family with Marsden Whitby. All three boys have moved on to great things – working overseas in Sweden and completing/starting university study. **Michael Ricardo, Michael Jay** and **Michael Lennon** were all Head Boys and gave wonderful service to every aspect of the school. Thanks to you all and also to Rowena for her constant support and encouragement of the school and her boys. We look forward to keeping in touch with you all!

### Whitby Year 13 Leavers' Afternoon Tea

Year 13 Whitby leavers – come and enjoy Strawberries, ice-cream and brownie on your last day of school before study leave. This enjoyable event is hosted by Marsden Whitby Collegians. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Friday 2 November 2018**  
**School Library, Marsden Whitby**  
**2.30pm**

### Save the Date for the Marsden Whitby Collegians get together

This annual event is becoming extremely popular for Whitby Marsden collegians. Meet at school, and renew friendships whilst enjoying delicious food and drinks. Please RSVP to Martine Foster [martine.foster@marsden.school.nz](mailto:martine.foster@marsden.school.nz)  
**Friday 23 November 2018**  
**Music/Art rooms, Marsden Whitby**  
**5.30pm – 7.30pm**

The Guest Speaker for the 2017 Leavers' Breakfast was **Amanda Hislop**. Amanda was a foundation student of Whitby Independent College who went on to become the first Head Girl of Marsden Whitby so has a very special association with our school. She was a moving and eloquent speaker.



## Marsden Whitby Collegians Database – changes of contact details

The Whitby Old Collegians database holds the most recent details for Marsden Whitby graduates and we would like to keep you up to date with school events and reunions. So that we can keep in touch, please let us know if you have recently moved or your email address has changed. Please email [rosalba.finnerty@marsden.school.nz](mailto:rosalba.finnerty@marsden.school.nz) with your new contact details and put 'Marsden Whitby change of contact details' in the subject line.



Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Traditionally this is the last chance to use up all the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. So that no food was wasted, families would use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house and that is how pancakes came to be associated with this day. Rev Chris Darnell came to school this year on Shrove Tuesday and made pancakes. They went down a treat!

## What is *your* song?

Many years ago while I was at college I had the opportunity to compose a piece of music for a whole orchestra. A couple of months later I got the incredible privilege to sit down and hear the Wellington Sinfonia play my composition. What had been thoughts and hopes in my head and woefully inadequate renderings on a computer (this was the mid-90s after all) suddenly blew up into a rich soundscape. Imagination became reality.

Henry David Thoreau is attributed as writing, "Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them."

What is your song? I believe God has put a symphony within each one of us. For some it is to flourish in bringing transformation to communities, for others it is to bring beauty or inspiration or wisdom or order or healing. Our role is to encourage this song to come out. These symphonies do not happen by accident; they are the result of a lot of work and careful honing, but when we discover the sound of beautifully-different God-given songs joining together, we hear a profound and powerful resonance with the symphony of the universe.

Ad summa.

**Rev Chris Darnell**  
*Marsden Whitby Chaplain*



Marsden, *lifelong.*

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