



BOTANY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

TERM 3: WEEK 5

Mr Stephen Briscoe

IMPORTANT DATES

7th September:

Subject information evening (online)

7:00 - 8:00pm

Prize Giving - **date now to be confirmed**

22nd November - 14

December:

NCEA exams

Please note ***New dates***

Our Y13 cohort is pictured above enjoying themselves at the ball - we are super pleased to have been able to get this event in! See a small selection of photos on page 2.

Classes have been attended well over the last week and we continue to encourage students and parents to contact us for any support that is required. Teachers are working tirelessly to ensure students are prepared the best that they can be for upcoming NCEA assessments. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure every student is supported so that they can achieve.

Please see the latest information on end of year assessments and dates from Mrs Carol Pottow on page 5.

Our subject information evening will now need to be moved online and will take place on Tuesday 7th September 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend this so that we can help you make informed decisions. A link for the event will be posted soon.

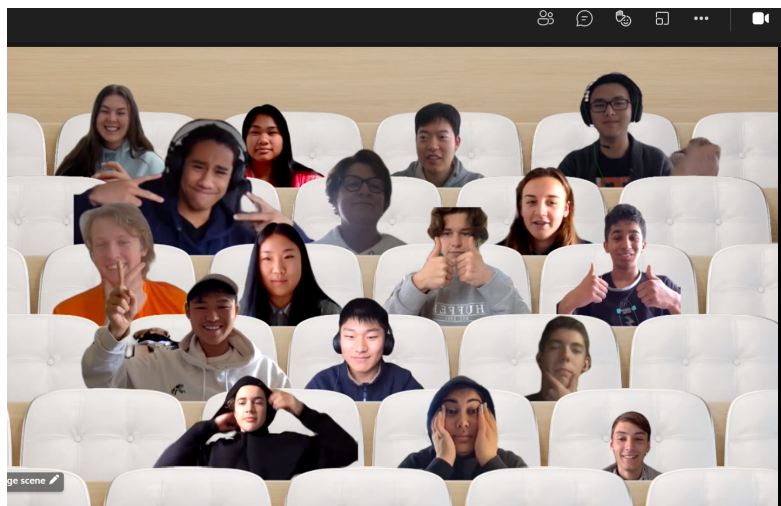
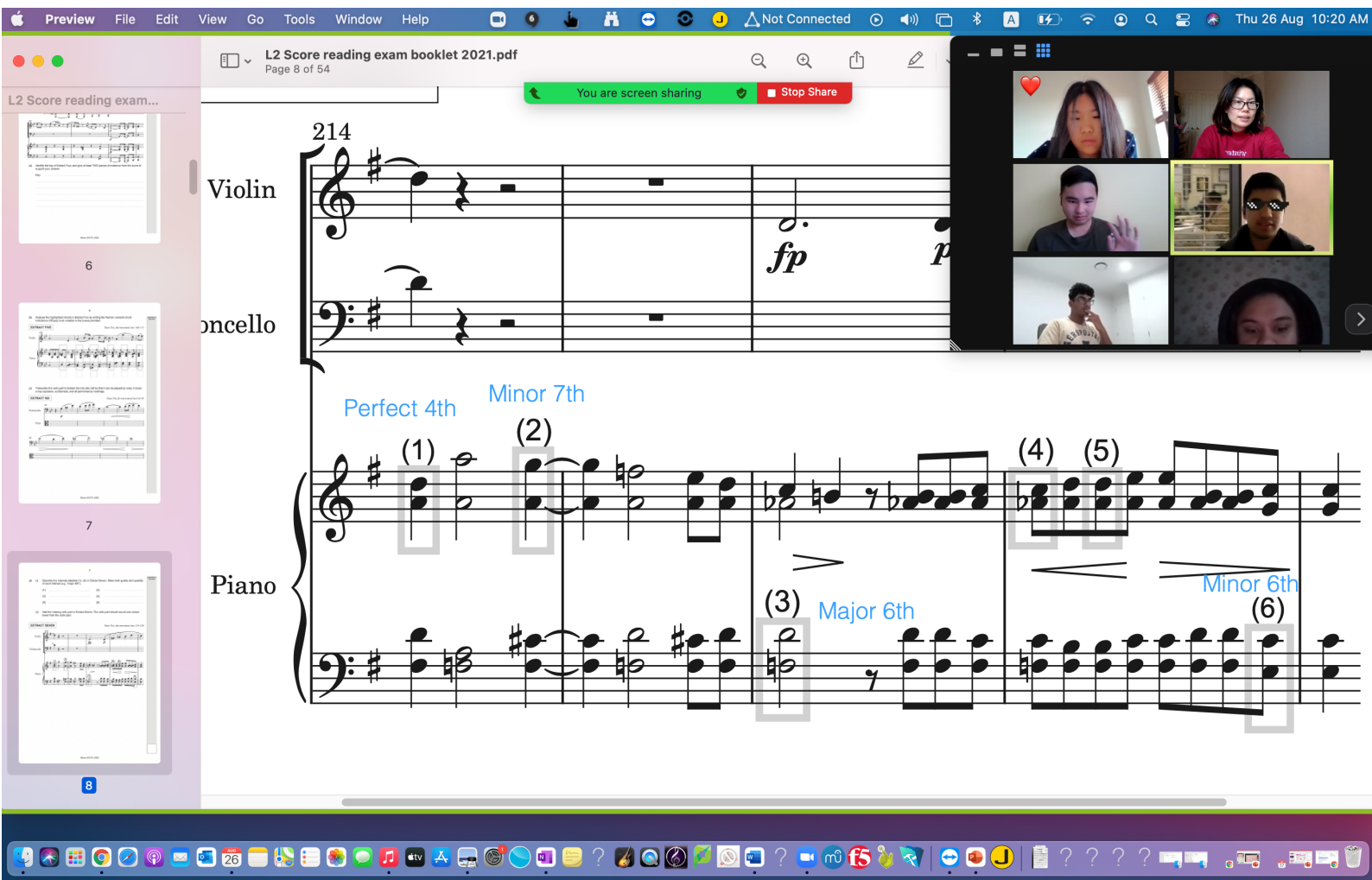
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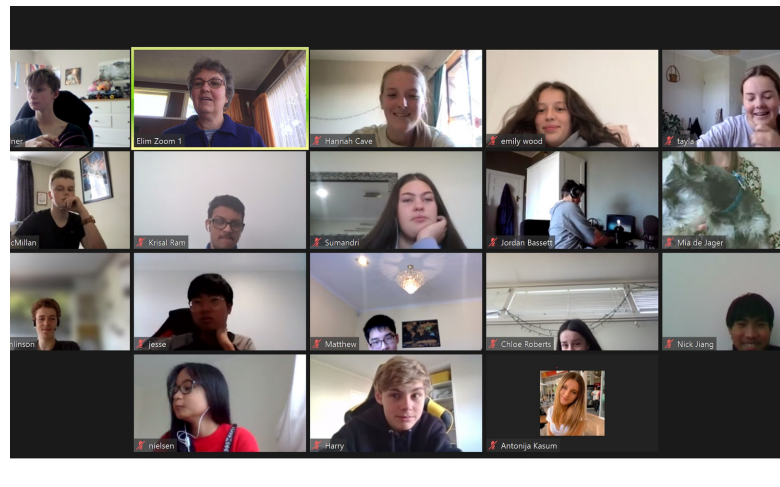
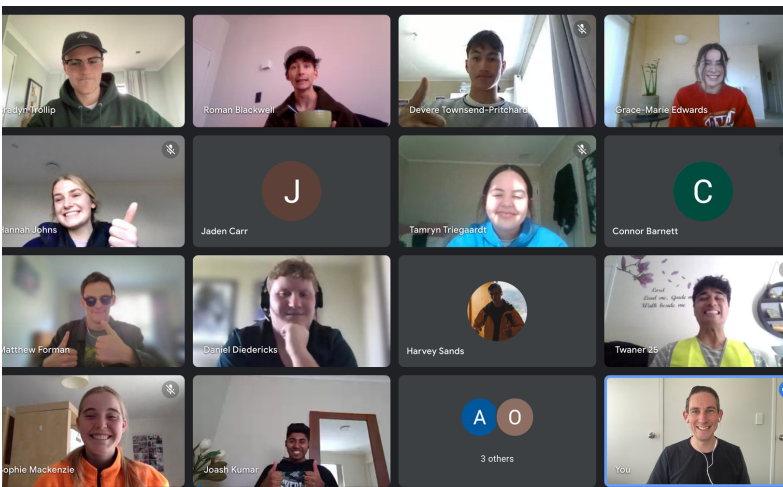
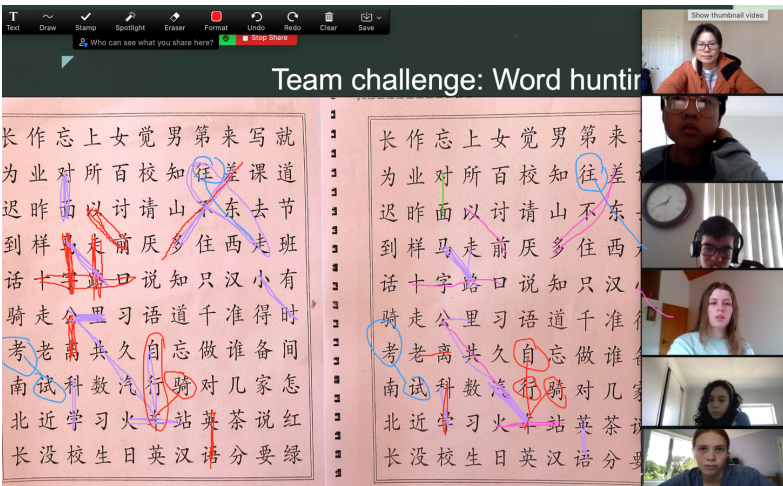
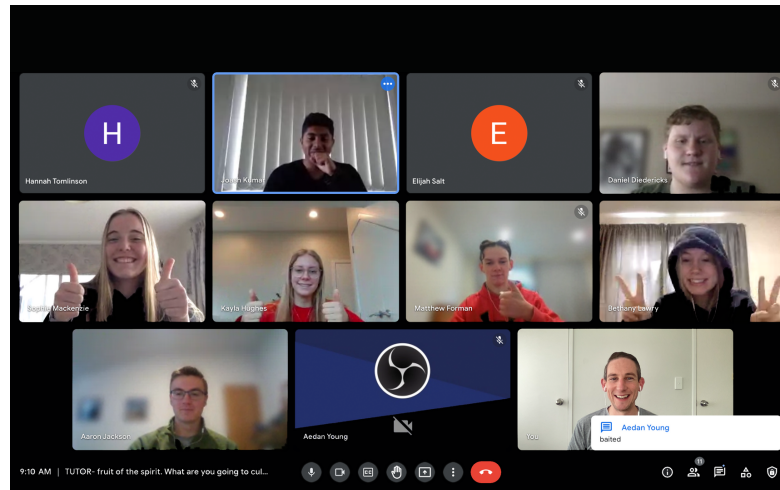
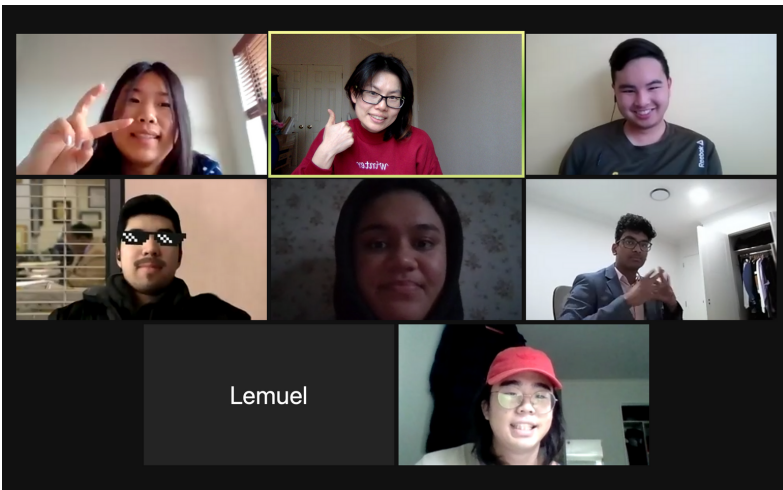
PHOTOS FROM THE BALL



LESSONS IN LOCKDOWN

Classes have continued over the last week, with students engaging with teachers and continuing to cover learning programs. Unfortunately, many events have now had to be rescheduled or cancelled due to the latest lockdown. See some photos below of what an online classroom looks like. See if you can spot the suit!





NCEA / END OF YEAR DATES

Mrs Carol Pottow

Kia Ora

Due to Covid level 4 lockdown, changes to dates for External Examinations, Visual Arts folioboard submissions and MCAT have now been released by NZQA. This is good news and gives some space to see how the next few weeks unfold. In view of this, we will tentatively move Practice Examinations and Senior Prizegiving Ceremony dates two weeks later (to be confirmed).

Please find below the message from Grant Klinkum (Chief Executive, NZQA) and Iona Holsted (Secretary for Education):

Changes to NCEA Assessment Dates - 25 August 2021

E te rangatira, tēnā koe & warm Pacific greetings to all

Over the last week, community cases of COVID-19's Delta variant have caused disruption to thousands of secondary school students around New Zealand.

Because of this, we have agreed to change dates and processes around some assessments - including end of year exams and portfolio submissions.

As the whole country is in Alert Level 4, these date changes will apply across New Zealand.

End of year exams and portfolios

The dates for the end of year NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams will be delayed by two weeks, to run from Monday 22 November until Tuesday 14 December. Due dates for portfolio submissions will also be pushed back by 2 weeks.

These two changes will give students and schools more time to prepare for the end of the year.

Other changes

As the length of time we are likely to remain in lockdown becomes clearer, there are extra steps the Government may take, such as reintroducing Learning Recognition Credits or making changes to the thresholds for Endorsements and University Entrance