

# BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 4 August

## Term 3 : Week 3

STEPHEN BRISCOE - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SENIOR YEARS)

We look forward to the much anticipated 'A Night in Venice' Y11 -13 Ball this Saturday. It is set to be a great evening of fun, food, and dancing. Please see the information regarding drop off and pick up at Ellerslie events centre on Pg. 4.

I would also like to highlight again some of the conditions of entry as outlined on the ball permission form:

- No alcohol is to be consumed before or during the event
- The school does not support pre-ball and after-ball functions
- Security staff at the venue reserve the right to search students to ensure this is a drug, alcohol, and weapon-free event. All items discovered will be confiscated
- No one will be permitted into the venue after 7:30 pm, nor will they be permitted to leave before midnight without permission from a senior staff member

Our Subject Handbook for 2024 will be published on our website soon. On Tuesday 22nd August, we will host a Subject Information evening in which we will provide information regarding subject selection, and there will be an opportunity to talk with specific Heads of Learning Areas about particular subjects of interest to you.

## DATES

### SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

Y11- 13 BALL  
ELLERSLIE EVENTS  
CENTER  
7:00PM - MIDNIGHT

### FRIDAY 18 AUGUST TEACHER ONLY DAY

### TUESDAY 22 AUGUST SUBJECT OPTION EVENING 7:00PM ONLINE

### MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER - WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

NCEA PRACTICE EXAMS

### FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM 3

### MONDAY 9 OCTOBER TERM 4 BEGINS

## BIOLOGY

Mr McKenzie (HOLA Science)

On Friday the 28th of July, the Y13 Biology class had a field trip to the Auckland Zoo. This trip offers our biologists a great hands-on experience where they can interact with models and tools to supplement what they are learning in the classroom. The Auckland Zoo staff hosted us for an interactive education session where our students used their knowledge and skills to complete activities aimed to help them better understand the concepts we have been learning. Getting to walk around the Zoo and see all the animals out in the sunshine was a bonus too! It's always a highlight of the year.



## CULTURAL CAMP

Mrs Karen Liu (Teacher in charge - Cultural Camp)



This was an incredible experience for 33 students from years 9-13. Cultural activities such as shadow puppets, cultural food making, martial arts and Chinese medicine provided practical opportunities for our students to participate in.

Every student also had the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of activities that were both cultural and adventurous. The instructors at Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre were superb, their leadership and professionalism guided our students to move outside of their comfort zone in safe and supportive ways.

Thank you to the network of local community helpers for the cultural activities, and willingness to share their knowledge and expertise. Our parents Tracey Shaw and the Faafoi whānau also came on board this year. It was fantastic to have teacher-parent collaboration for the same goal. We are sure that there are many others who are now inspired to try new things.

# Kotahitanga Award

Every week we focus on what it means to exemplify one of our school learning behaviours. Throughout the week teachers look for students displaying the selected behaviour and nominate them for a prize draw made during our Friday assembly.

Week 2 focus:

We are **RESPECTFUL**, We show **MANAAKITANGA**

The following students were recognised for displaying this value and nominated for this award:

Gaius Christie  
Noah Ling  
Eksteen Harmse  
Marko Pelser

**WINNER: Seth Africa**

for

"always showing respect to your teachers by the way you speak and act towards them"

**AWARD CHOSEN:** Staff Morning Tea

# SCHOOL BALLS

We look forward to welcoming you onsite to Ellerslie Event Centre for your upcoming school ball. Here is some useful information for you to share with students & parents ahead of the big event.

## ES Ellerslie Stand (Public Stand)

**G** Newmarket Room

**L1** Great Northern Room  
Remuera Room

**L2** Silks  
Pakuranga Hunt Room

**L3** Guineas Ballroom (1,2,3)

**2** Admin Office  
**3** Gate 3 (Main entrance)  
**5** Gate 5 (Pedestrian only)  
**6** Gate 6  
**8** Tote on Ascot  
**13** Newmarket Lawn  
**A** Carpark



## DROP OFF/ ARRIVAL

- To locate the drop off zone make your way to Gate 3 (opposite the Novotel)
- Drive past all the palm trees to the designated drop off area as shown on the map (in yellow)

Please note: only cars carrying students for drop off will be allowed onsite

## PICK UP

- Cars/buses will make their way down past the palm trees and across the carpark
- They will then be required to follow the road behind the stables,
- This will lead them around to the front of the Ellerslie Stand
- Our security team will direct all cars/buses as to how to leave the venue
- Cars/buses will then carry on out through the exit gate.

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## Security Measures

For the safety of students & teachers there will be security measures in place on arrival to Ellerslie Event Centre. For more detailed information please contact the school directly.

