

BOTANY CAMPUS

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024

Term 1: Week 4

GARY JOHNSTONE - ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora parents, caregivers, and friends of the school.

The end of Week 4 of Term1 has arrived, and what an incredible and busy four weeks it has been!

I am pleased to see how well our senior campus students have settled into their new routines and am encouraged by their determination to make a good start to the year and to do well.

The overwhelming majority of students have taken on board the government (and already existing school policy) of no-use of cell phones during school hours.

We remind parents that the school has a no-tolerance policy on possessing or using drugs/harmful/illegal substances including vapes. Punitive consequences await the small number of students who break the rules. However, the bigger and more important question, of course, is how to address the reason why some students choose to use harmful or addictive substances in the first instance. For some, it will be out of curiosity or peer pressure, or just the thrill of getting away with it. For others, it may be a cry for help or a way of relieving the pain from difficult circumstances.

As part of our response to students identified as being involved with substance abuse, we will be referring them to Mrs Britten, the school counsellor, and in some cases to counsellors and pastors within the Elim Church. Such trained workers are always available to confidentially listen and help students escape the tyranny and misery that that misuse of drugs brings. Escape brings freedom, and we see the miracle of a new beginning that restoration and forgiveness offer.

DATES

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 12PM

BOT NOMINATIONS CLOSE
FOR STUDENTS Y9-13

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 7PM

NCEA INFORMATION EVENING (ONLINE)

MONDAY 18 MARCH

TEACHER ONLY DAY

FRIDAY 29 MARCH - TUESDAY 2 APRIL

EASTER WEEKEND

MONDAY 15 APRIL - SUNDAY 28 APRIL

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

"May we think of
freedom, not as
the right to do as
we please but as
the opportunity to
do what is right."

PETER MARSHALL



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

FREE SPEECH UNION SPEAKER

This week, the Year 12 History students hosted Nick Hanne from the Free Speech Union, who gave an informative and invigorating presentation on the preciousness of free speech. We heard that “free speech” isn’t just about the right to say something, but also to seek and receive ideas, something fundamental to learning and developing empathy. He particularly urged students to use their voices to advocate for others, take responsibility for their words, and test their views critically through good faith debate and active listening. To learn more about the Free Speech Union check out: https://www.fsu.nz/our_backstory



YEAR 11/12/13 CHINESE

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations in Chinese culture. It is a time for families to come together, honour their ancestors, and usher in prosperity and good fortune for the coming year. The festival is celebrated with vibrant decorations and delicious food. This year, each student in our senior Chinese class was involved in decorating the classroom. We learnt about some of the lucky Chinese New Year foods and some simple greetings, and we ended by sharing the cultural foods with our international and Kiwi students.



SPORT

Athletics Day was our first major whānau event for 2024 and thanks to the tireless efforts of Kim Borthwick, our sports coordinator, along with the Botany Campus staff, it was a great success. The participation and whānau spirit were particularly impressive this year, with some record-breaking times and distances. Several students also qualified to compete at the long jump, high jump, and 200m at the Central East Zone Athletics on Tuesday, 5th March.

Year 13 students Keagan Wolsky and Munashe Zvavahera were our record-breakers on the day. Keagan broke the 2019 800m record of 2.27 minutes, running it in 2.26 minutes and Munashe broke the 2011 high jump record of 1.72m, jumping 1.75m. The 4x100m relay was another highlight of the day. Unfortunately, the teacher team did not pull through this year but were gracious in defeat. The winning whānau will be announced at this Friday’s assembly (23rd February).



Here are the overall results for each event:

TRACK EVENTS

EVENT	GROUP	1ST	2ND	3RD
1500m	U16B	Zachary Lim	-	-
1500m	U16G	Nathalia Widvey	Lucy Beale	Esther Nickoley
1500m	U19B	Keagan Wolsky	Benjamin Tjakra	Tyodus Ah Kuoi
1500m	U19G	Emily Cope	Brooklyn Williams	Isobel Overall
800m	U16B	Alex Cave	Daniel Mihaere	Joshua Hutchinson
800m	U16G	Megan Whiteman	Paula Sun	Simone Gertos
800m	U19B	Keagan Wolsky R: 2.26min	Luca Papesch	Isaiah Dunn
800m	U19G	Jenna Smit	Alayna Finlay	Savannah Aisake Peseta
400m	U16B	Alex Cave	Blair Cornwall	-
400m	U16G	Andrea Watson	Sofia Forbes Brown	Montana Wearing
400m	U19B	Keagan Wolsky	Luca Papesch	Joshua Preiss
400m	U19G	Brooklyn Williams	Abigail Neumann	Emily Just
200m	U16B	Alex Cave	Zachary Lim	-
200m	U16G	Isabella Neumann	Mercedes van Rheede-Ratu	Erin Morales
200m	U19B	Samuel Lee	David Phillips	Camerone Chin
200m	U19G	Terina Shaw	Emily Just	Abigail Neumann
100m	U16B	Timothy Seruwooza	Joshua Langdon	Bezalel Bernstein
100m	U16G	Isabella Neumann	Lucie Cairney	Mercedes van Rheede-Ratu
100m	U19B	Duncan Ramsey	Munashe Zvavhera	Isaiah Dunn
100m	U19G	Terina Shaw	Caitlyn Chong	Chloe Inggs



2023 Scholarship Recipients: 4 Scholarships: Calculus, Painting, Physics & Statistics



Leo Lai, 2 scholarships:
Physics & Statistics



Kareena Penny, 1
scholarship: Painting



Ethan Stonehouse, 1
scholarship: Calculus

NCEA LEVEL 3

74% gained University Entrance (48% National Ave)

87% of our Year 13 students gained NCEA Level 3 (67% National Ave)

- 48% gained Level 3 endorsed with Merit
- 11% gained Level 3 endorsed with Excellence

NCEA LEVEL 2

89% of our Year 12 students gained NCEA Level 2 (73% National Ave)

- 30% gained Level 2 endorsed with Merit
- 18% gained Level 2 endorsed with Excellence

NCEA LEVEL 1

81% of our Year 11 students gained NCEA Level 1 (61% National Ave)

- 41% gained Level 1 endorsed with Merit
- 24% gained Level 1 endorsed with Excellence

ACCELERATED STUDENTS

No & Year Level	Subject entered	Result
20 Year 10 students	L1 Mathematics	5 endorsed with Excellence 11 endorsed with Merit
1 Year 10 student	L2 Mathematics	1 Endorsed with Merit
6 Year 11 Students	L2 Chinese	1 endorsed with Merit
1 Year 11 students	L3 Calculus	1 endorsed with Merit
21 Year 11 students	L2 Mathematics	4 endorsed with Excellence 13 endorsed with Merit
2 Year 11 student	L3 Chinese	1 endorsed with Merit
12 Year 12 students	L3 Calculus	2 endorsed with Excellence 7 endorsed with Merit
2 Year 12 students	L3 Chinese	2 endorsed with Merit
2 Year 12 students	L3 Statistics	1 endorsed with Merit 1 endorsed with Excellence

- 3 students entered for **Young Scholars Computer Science (UoA)** course

NCEA Results 2023: New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA)

Students' NZRoA, updated with 2023 results, are available in electronic format, or can be ordered in hard copy, through the Student Login. Students are entitled to one hard copy free of charge, with further copies costing \$15.30 each.