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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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### THE 2011 SCHOOL YEAR BEGAN STRONGLY WITH STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS SETTLING DOWN TO PRODUCTIVE WORK FROM THE VERY OUTSET.

Once again our Cambridge classes excelled at both IGCSE and A Levels with an 84% pass rate overall and an extraordinary 80% of our Cambridge students gaining University entrance a full year earlier than required. At the recent Cambridge awards ceremony we received a Top Centre award which is given to examination centres whose students were ranked in the first five places in New Zealand in one or more IGCSE or AS subjects in the 2010 examination. This is a very impressive result (and congratulations to the students who achieved such high levels of performance).

In the NCEA, our Year 13 students achieved scholarships at twice the average rate, with 32 scholarships being achieved including two outstanding scholarship results. The Level 3 externally assessed examination results were 7% higher than the national average and 9% above our decile.

The Prime Minister John Key formally opened the first stage of the college rebuild which includes the both the Mathematics and Physics faculties. The construction of the second stage of the rebuild, to be opened at the beginning of next year, is already well advanced.

This will include Chemistry, Biology, Horticulture, Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, as well as a second specialist Dance room and a new student canteen.

We are delighted to confirm that we have now received the final approval for the funding of the third and final stage of the rebuilding of the college. During the summer holidays all of the current A and B blocks will be demolished to be followed by the rebuilding of English, Commerce, Information Technology, Commerce, Media, English for Speakers of Other Languages, as well as a new Taurewa centre, Careers Centre, Reception, Administration and Health Centre. This final stage should be largely complete by the end of next year.

At the completion of Stage Three all of the prefabricated classrooms that have been on site since the early 1990s will be removed and replaced with six new tennis and netball courts. Afterwards we want to concentrate on the building of a new sports and cultural centre on the edge of the sports fields.

We are very pleased that Avondale College is now able to build a state-of-the-art school to support the high quality education we already deliver for all students. The difference made by the new facilities is already apparent and within a few months many more classrooms will come into operation to supercede the old.

As we approach the end of Term 2 we recommend that those students who have worked hard throughout the term should enjoy the upcoming break to refresh themselves for the challenges of the new term. For those who have had a slower start the holiday can provide a welcome opportunity to catch up and regroup. All classes receive regular homework but should your son or daughter suggest otherwise please do not hesitate to make contact with their form teacher or dean and we will gladly clarify the situation and ensure that they continue to receive productive support for their learning. Given the extended school term lengths of 2011, (designed to accommodate the Rugby World Cup) Term 3 begins far later than usual and therefore takes on an added significance given that is followed by an unusually short final term. In fact for some students Term 3 will essentially be their final term so it will be important to work hard from the outset.

The staff are now preparing for the next term with an added determination to support our students' academic and wider achievements in what is, and will continue to be, a very unusual year.

Brent Lewis  
Principal

## PM OPENS NEW BUILDING



### THE 10TH OF AUGUST WAS A BLUE RIBBON DAY FOR AVONDALE COLLEGE AS PRIME MINISTER JOHN KEY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE COLLEGE'S NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS BUILDING.

The occasion marked the completion of the first stage of Avondale's multi-million dollar building project – the biggest school re-building programme in New Zealand's history.

The new structure reflects the school's philosophy of "Kohia Nga Taikaka" – "Collect the Heartwood," meaning drawing things that really matter close to you. The building incorporates imagery and pattern that are reflective of the local area. The atrium that connects the two buildings was inspired by the godwits that fly over the school.

Sustainability is a key feature of the building with double glazing, rainwater tanks and passive ventilation working together to ensure a great classroom environment. Each classroom contains the latest equipment with data projectors and computers in each room.

Work on Stage Two of the three part building project has already begun, with brand new Science, Social Science, Health and Dance facilities due for completion at the end of the year.



**Straight A Students: Nathan Henry and Rachel Ou both gained five 'A' grades in their Cambridge AS Examinations, a fantastic result!**

## CAMBRIDGE TOP CENTRE AWARD

Avondale College has won a Top Centre Award for student performance in the 2010 Cambridge Examinations. Presented by the Association of Cambridge Schools in New Zealand, the award recognises Avondale College as a centre whose students were ranked in the first five places in New Zealand in one or more IGCSE or AS/AL subjects in the 2010 examinations.

## DRAMA

In April Year 13 Drama presented some thought provoking dramas based on the lives of famous people. We met, among others, Ray Charles, Prince Harry, Edith Piaf, Rhys Darby, Kristen Chenoweth, Tyra Banks, Queen Letifa, Bruno Mars, the Swindell sisters and Dean Martin.

Year 12 Drama presented an entertaining evening of Commedia dell'Arte where we were entertained by characters such as Pantelone, Columбина, Arlecchino, El Capitano, La Signora and Isabella.

All the senior Drama students went to see the production of "Paper Sky" in March at the Glen Eden Playhouse. This was an original play by the Red Leap Theatre Company and was presented as part of the Auckland Arts Festival. The students enjoyed seeing a play in the style of physical theatre.

The Junior Drama club has been successfully started for the year and the workshops are held every Tuesday lunchtime in A5.

Rehearsals are well underway for the school show for 2011, which is the well known "Oliver." The show production week is September 5 to 10, which is Week 6 of Term 3.

## INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The International Department had a wonderful start to the year with 50 new students increasing the number of different nationalities within our International student body to 22!

Several trips were organised for the students including 'City Sights' which gave the students and staff the opportunity to get to know each other while checking out some of Auckland's great attractions. Students also had a very enjoyable weekend away to the Bay of Islands, and played in a basketball and soccer match against Rangitoto College's International students. We are pleased to report that we won the basketball but the soccer game went into extra time before penalty shoot outs determined the eventual winner: congratulations to Rangitoto.

As the term ended we said goodbye to some of our students who had completed their study here with a Big Day Out of ten pin bowling and ice skating.

It is great to see all our new students integrating into Avondale College life and making Kiwi friends.

## ENGLISH

### MEDIA PERSONALITY VISIT

Year 13 English students were recently entertained and informed by iconic New Zealand media personality Bill Ralston. He was invited to the school by the English Department to talk to students about the process of column writing. Bill Ralston has been involved in all forms of media, and currently writes a column for the weekly Listener publication. His useful advice and witty anecdotes will definitely help the students prepare to write their own columns for a NCEA Level 3 assessment.

*Ms K Guise, English*

### WRITERS AND READERS FESTIVAL

On May 17th one hundred Year 9 students braved the weather and headed to the Auckland Writers and Readers festival. The opening author Meg Rosoff delighted students with tales of how she finds her inspiration for writing a good story. Students' eyes lit up when they realised authors can stay in pyjamas until midday and claim to be working! We then heard from Garth Nix and Sean Williams, who have co-written 'Trouble Twisters.' They explained to us how to successfully work as a team and overcome the problems that might arise when one author writes something another may not like.

After lunch Brian Falkner inspired us with stories of how he became a successful author. His message: just because one publisher may not be interested in your book, another one might be, so never give up. The proof is in his popular book 'The Tomorrow Code.'

Finally, Apirana Taylor involved us all with some of his excellent performance poetry to end a very stimulating festival.

## COMMERCE

### AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY SECONDARY SCHOOL CASE COMPETITION

This competition brings top secondary school students to the AU Business School. In competition with other schools the students have an opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real-world business situation and develop their analytical, communication, teamwork, and quick thinking skills. The students have been mentored and tutored by students from the AU Business School throughout Term 2 prior to the competition which runs in the first week of school holidays in Term 3. In the competition students will be given three hours to analyse a case and develop a strategy for a real company. They are then given ten minutes to present their proposed strategy to a panel of judges, which is followed by a ten minute question and answer session. Students involved are: Jose Rush, Urszula Pocijewoka, Ezekiel Sinapilo and Panashe Gamba.

### RESERVE BANK CHALLENGE

This year's Reserve Bank Challenge team are soon to be competing in the Auckland Regional Finals. They have produced a high quality and insightful written report about their decisions for the Official Cash Rate (OCR) to be adopted by the Reserve Bank and will be presenting their report and analysis of New Zealand's current economic climate shortly. I am sure all members of the team will gain much from this wonderful experience. The students involved are: Duncan Johnston, Yiru Chen, Yunong Li, Isaac Rodrigues and Chris Chung.

*Mr J Smith, Director of Commerce*

Are you interested in hosting International Students for Avondale College?

Caring Kiwi families are wanted to host long and short term students.

Please contact Chris or Clare in the International Department on 820 1712, or email [homestay@avcol.school.nz](mailto:homestay@avcol.school.nz) for an information pack and registration form.



## GEOGRAPHY

**IT HAS BEEN A GREAT START TO 2011 FOR THE GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT.** Results at the end of 2010 were excellent and more students than ever are choosing Geography as a senior subject. A number of new staff have joined us this year, which has added a wealth of enthusiasm and experience to our department.

All NCEA Geography students have completed their first Internal Assessments of the year, and most classes have taken part in fieldwork or research. Year 11 visited our local transfer station as part of their study of how Auckland manages its waste. Year 12 have been to the Sky Tower and central Auckland to conduct research and Year 13 have visited Omaha and Muriwai beaches to support their learning about coastal environments.

Term 2 has also been incredibly busy for the Geography Department. Most classes have done at least two Internal Assessments and all classes have had the opportunity to do field work outside the classroom.

In the first week of term Year 11 and Year 12 CIE students went on a two day residential trip to Waihi Beach. They learned about flood management, impacts of gold mining and organic dairy farming, as well as carrying out beach and river studies.

Year 11 visited a Helensville dairy farm as part of their study of the sustainable resources. They used the information and research that they gathered there to consider whether dairy farming is a sustainable activity in the Mackenzie Basin of the South Island.

Year 12 did research in Auckland's CBD to consider the



best location for a new coffee shop. Students did surveys, questionnaires, mapping and photo analysis to help them to make well justified recommendations.

Year 13 did a three day residential trip to Rotorua as part of their study of tourism development. Whilst in Rotorua the group heard three guest speakers as well as experiencing the region's tourism activities for themselves.

## HISTORY

**THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT HAS HAD AN EVENTFUL TERM:** The 'New Zealand Wars' field trip to the Waikato went ahead in the second week.

We have also hosted three visiting speakers/lecturers - Sabina Schwied, a Jewish holocaust survivor, spoke to our Level 1 and 2 students from her experiences of the Third Reich and the Second World War. Obviously, it was a very memorable experience for our students, and a rare opportunity to hear insights from an eyewitness to the events.

Jennifer Frost (Deputy Head of History and Lecturer in American History at the University of Auckland) visited our Level 1 History classes and taught three very relevant sessions on Black Civil Rights in the 21st century. She also gave insights on contemporary memorials - the ways that the landmark events of the 1960s and 1970s are remembered and preserved in America today.

Maartje Abbenhuis (Senior Professor in European Studies at the University of Auckland) delivered an excellent presentation on the terror of the Nazi regime but also on the effectiveness of their propaganda. She highlighted the often neglected and sobering idea that the Nazis were skillful at making their cause seem plausible and 'respectable'.

These events have been a real highlight of our courses this term. We are looking forward to hosting these and other historians again in the near future.

*Mr T Stewart, HOD History*



## SPANISH TRIP

Fourteen lucky students had the opportunity to soak up some Spanish sunshine during the holidays as part of the Languages Department trip to Spain. Some highlights included visiting famous sites and buildings, shopping in local markets, and Flamenco dancing lessons in a gypsy cave in Sacromonte.





## ROCKQUEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 13 MUSICIANS JEREMY KEYS AND JESSIE BOOTH WHO BOTH WON AWARDS AT AUCKLAND'S SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST COMPETITION RECENTLY.

Jeremy won 'The Lowdown Best Song' award, and Jessie the 'Woman's Musicianship' award, based on their their performances with their four piece band 'Valient'.

They put the band together with two other friends, David Waters and Elvin Alfaro, specifically for the competition. It has been a busy few weeks for the pair musically: Jeremy recently won second place overall in the Avondale College Talent Quest for his solo performance, and he and Jessie have just returned from a tour of Waikato primary schools with their Performance Music class.

They can't quite take a break yet though: they are now working on filming a music video to be sent to the Rockquest judging panel for the opportunity to compete nationally.



Jessie Booth and Jeremy Keys

## TALENT QUEST

THE TQ'11 FINAL WAS LIKE NO OTHER EVENT THE SCHOOL HAS EVER SEEN. Fifteen acts competed to be the best in their category as judged by Hadley Pouesi (Head of the Sweet 'n' Sour Dance Crew), Massad (NZ Singer Songwriter, Rockquest 2010), and the esteemed ex-student of Avondale College, NZ Masterchef, Nadia Lim.

Winners on the night were:

*Overall Winner: Cilla and Sean*

*Runner Up: Jeremy Keys*

*Best Dance: BPM Dance Crew*

*Best Vocals: Cool Charm Boyz*

*Best Band: The Warmies*

*Best Entertainment: Lady Marmalade*

All in all, TQ'11 really exceeded the expectations of many, and set the standard for future talent shows. From the TQ Committee of 2011, thank you for making history with us, and we hope you enjoyed the show.

Zak Enayat & Elvin Alfaro



Talent Quest Winners: Sean Papli'i and Priscilla Gatoloai

## STAGE CHALLENGE

IN 2011 THE STAGE CHALLENGE PERFORMANCE GROUP FINALLY ACHIEVED THE GOAL THEY HAD BEEN EAGERLY SEEKING FOR A LONG TIME. The group, led by Jess Channings as Student Producer, and a very able core group of senior students, earned first place in that night's competition at the Aotea Centre.

Stage Challenge is a student-driven, eight minute dance and drama performance where every aspect of the show, choreography, costume, set, music, makeup is all designed and implemented by the students.

This was a dark tale, based on the Salem witch trials and examining paranoia, mistrust and challenging perception. We gained 13 out of the 16 awards available, a clear indication of the strength and presentation level of the performance.

The show involved 116 students on the day, 93 of whom were on-stage performers, with the others involved in makeup, lighting, set and video.

Many other students gave up their time prior to the show to help with the set and costuming.

It was one of those nights when almost everything went right and each student gave their best. The result is a reflection of all that combined effort and spirit.

We need to say a special thank you to J.A. Russell Ltd for generously supplying UV lights to give us a haunted opening effect, and to Simon Melgren and Alan Lupton Carriers who went out of their way to transport the whole set to and from the performance.

Mr L Hughes, TIC



## MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENT LED PERFORMANCE

**COSTUMING CHARACTER**

**DRAMA**

**SOUNDTRACK**

**LIGHTING DESIGN**

**PERFORMANCE SKILL**

**STAGE USE**

**VIDEO DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT**

**VISUAL ENHANCEMENT**

**CONCEPT**

**CHOREOGRAPHY STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

**SET DESIGN AND FUNCTION**



## POLYFEST

More than 280 Avondale College students from nine different cultures participated in the annual ASB Polyfest held in Manukau in March.

Four of these groups performed on the (non-competitive) Diversity Stage: Chinese, Sri Lankan, Indian, Indo-Fijian. On the five competitive stages the Maori, Tongan, Samoan, Cook Island and Niuean groups once again represented their school and their culture with pride.

Many hundreds of hours were put into preparation for the event by dedicated staff, tutors and students, with rehearsals taking place at lunchtimes, after school and during the weekend.

For more photos of the all the groups performing at Polyfest, visit [www.avcol.school.nz/events/Polyfest](http://www.avcol.school.nz/events/Polyfest)

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*It was wonderful to have all these students in the group keen to improve and to celebrate their native language and culture, and alongside them the other students from their own cultures also performing. The focus and commitment from each member was much appreciated and this contributed to an outstanding performance.”*

*Mr S Fotu, TIC Tongan Group*

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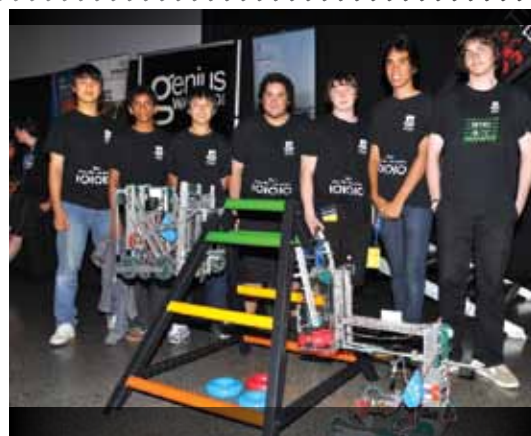
## ROBOTICS

The Robotics team 'Binary Blitz' has completed another successful season, placing second at the national tournament held at the Telstra Pacific Stadium on March 5-7. Despite having won equal points with the Home School alliance in the qualifying rounds, (12 wins and one loss) a close encounter with this team in the finals saw Avondale take home the silver award.

Binary Blitz also won several other important awards including the 'Think' prize recognising overall excellence in programming consistency and strategy during the match. Kerey Watters worked tirelessly to earn this award for the team.

Avondale gained the highest points in the Programming Skills qualification round, and won second place overall in the finals when an electronic malfunction ruined an otherwise flawless autonomous performance. Binary Blitz also won the Robot Skills Challenge, which is a one minute race to score the most points. Peter Sefon and Nick Hiku were the drivers.

The Binary Blitz team entered two robots in the tournament, with the junior team also performing well and competing in the quarter finals.



Soon a new game will be announced and new robots designed. The hours of planning, building, testing, more building and more testing followed by programming, more programming and even more programming begin again. The team can't wait!

*Mr B Tetley, TIC*



## CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thanks to all who were involved in raising funds for Christchurch's earthquake appeal through a school wide mufti day and concert.

Headline act Che Fu and the Krates were ably supported by The Hypnotics, Kingston, Allegro and Avondale's own 13PMU, all giving their time and expert sounds to the cause.



## TAURANGA JAZZ FESTIVAL



The awards are piling up for Avondale Jazz musicians, and in particular Year 13 student Reuben Jelleyman. Not only did Reuben win the Tauranga Jazz Festival's award for 'Most Outstanding Musician' last year, this year he walked away with the Ken Mitchell award for 'Best Composition'.

Reuben's piece, entitled 'Aspen Street' after the street that runs adjacent to the College was written for the school's Jazz Combo which comprises bass, piano, guitar, two saxophones and Reuben himself on drums.

The combo, led by Mr Atkinson, played a total of four pieces at the festival and won a silver award – as did the the Big Band led by Mr Stenbo.

Seventeen students in total travelled to Tauranga for the Jazz Festival over Easter, with other highlights including attending the Tui Awards for NZ Jazz Album of the Year, and playing to an enthusiastic audience at the Tauranga Farmers' Market on Saturday morning.

Avondale College's 2011 Winter Wonderland Ball was a huge success! The venue looked amazing thanks to the hard work of Mrs Eljas, Ms de Vries, Mrs Elmes and of course the Ball Committee.

The mood was set by Avondale's very own Jazz Combo who blew everyone away with their professionalism and talent, followed by the D.J who got everyone dancing... even the teachers. Over 6000 (very good looking) photos captured the fun of the night. However we all agreed that the students themselves made the night their own- everyone looked stunning and established themselves as young adults who were delightful company and very capable of having a great time.

Congratulations to the prize winners on the night- Best Dressed: Emma Scott and Nick Andrews; Best Dressed Teacher: Mr Toy-Cronin; Cutest Couple: Kelly Walters and Karlos Tuala; Prince: Jericho Kalosi; Princess: Hannah Hoeksema; King: Justin Milo and Queen: Luna Oliviera.

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended and to the Ball Committee for their hours of effort in making Avondale College's 2011 Ball one of the best nights our school has seen!

*Isabella Mitchell*

## SCHOOL BALL



## arts performing ACADEMY

The Performing Arts Academy has just finished its first two terms and there is definitely a feeling of excitement and purpose amongst the students and staff involved.

Approximately 40 Year 9 students auditioned for and gained entry into the three Academy strands of music, drama and dance.

The aim of the Academy is to provide students with excellent tuition and facilities as well as an environment where they can experience a wide variety of performance opportunities.

Students receive five hours of specialist tuition every fortnight,

including one lesson where they learn about another performance strand or aspects of technology such as sound and lighting.

Throughout the year the Performing Arts Academy students will take part in performances both within school and in the wider community.

More information about the Academy, performances and highlights so far can be found on the school website at:

[www.avcol.school.nz/learning/performingartsacademy](http://www.avcol.school.nz/learning/performingartsacademy)





# SPORT

## SPORTS ACADEMY

THE SPORTS ACADEMY HAS HAD A BUSY FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR WITH ALL YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS FOCUSING WELL ON THEIR TRAINING AND STUDIES.

Six Year 9 Students were honoured in assembly as part of the Sports Academy INSPIRE Awards for Term 1. They were:

GABBY LE ROY – Netball  
KALE PAKI – Football  
JUNIOR SOQUETA – Basketball  
ALEX CORSEI-STEVENSON – Rugby  
MARCUS SMILLIE – Cricket  
KELE RIVERS SMITH – Hockey

The Year 10 Sports Academy students were put through their paces in speed and agility training sessions as part of the Fitness for Performance module.

The Sports Academy hockey group were also treated to a training session with Jasmin McQuinn, a current Blackstick.

Year 10 students also met Fiona Southorn, a world class Para-Olympian, and Sam Warriner (Iron Woman) as part of the SPARC Sports Ambassador programme aimed at educating our students in elite sports performance.

Recently the Year 10 group visited the Millennium Institute of Sport and Health where they undertook a variety

of training sessions including speed and agility training, work on the rock wall, a water safety session in the pool and an AUT VO2Max test.

What a pleasure it was to see this group of aspiring and committed sports students rise to the occasion and enjoy using the High Performance facilities and mentoring on offer. They all demonstrated the attitudes and values that we are nurturing within the Sports Academy

Finally, we farewell Mr Ian Shaw, the Sports Academy Football coach since the inception of the Academy in 2008. His contribution, both on the training field and in the classroom has been immense. The students who have been under his tutelage have gained a huge amount of knowledge about the game of football and what it takes to achieve at the highest level. Mr Shaw and his family are moving back to his native home in the north west of England. He will be sorely missed and the Sports Academy wishes him and his family every success in their next adventure.

TIC Mr P Smith



Year 10 students training with Blackstick Jasmin McQuinn



## SPORT DIRECTOR

AS TERM TWO DRAWS TO A CLOSE I WANTED TO REFLECT ON THE WHIRLWIND THAT HAS BEEN AVONDALE SPORT SO FAR THIS YEAR. I am continually amazed by the range of opportunities that we can offer here at Avondale College and how enthusiastically both staff and students tackle them. From curling to underwater hockey, lawn bowls and squash as well as the traditional field and courts sports there is always something going on that sees Avondale College at the forefront of school sport in the Auckland area.

The success of both our senior softball teams in winning the Division 2 North Island Championships was very exciting. The strength of our volleyball is also evident with the senior boys doing well in zone play and girls competing well at senior and premier levels. Cricket continues to prosper with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI more than holding their own in the Premier Auckland competition and our juniors making solid progress. In touch,

the girls took out the zone competition and qualified for the national tournament in Term 4. The boys suffered a slow start but ended the competition as one of the best performing teams.

Our athletes have had an excellent year, especially in the field events. In the pool our water polo teams had an excellent season, and our swim team is also looking very promising. Our tennis teams have had a fantastic season thus far. And then there are the ultimate frisbee, mountain biking, waka ama, equestrian, golf, triathlon, the newly formed wrestling and martial arts clubs, as well as the host of winter sports teams that mark Avondale out as such a special place.

I particularly want to thank the many family representatives from the Avondale community who help coach, manage and support all of our teams. We could not run without your support.

To our students, please keep taking all the opportunities you can whilst here at

Avondale. We continue to see former pupils performing on the world stage. As I write we currently have five Football Ferns in the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany as well as representation in the Women's Hockey World Championships where New Zealand has just earned a bronze medal. They act as a spur to us to do the best we can with our sporting talent and interest.

We are always looking to attract more students into the sporting environment at Avondale College. The 8M8's initiative with Sport Waitakere, the turnout of over 150 juniors to the badminton and squash clubs, and the 175 runners who took part in our annual cross country competition are all signs that students of all ages and abilities are getting involved in sport at the College. We look forward to an exciting second half of our winter seasons...I will see you all at the far post!

Mr Cliff Jones  
Director of Sport



## SOFTBALL

THE SENIOR BOYS SOFTBALL TEAM HAD A CRACKER OF A SEASON, BEING UNDEFEATED IN THE REGIONAL COMPETITION AND CONCEEDING ONLY ONE RUN. Great pitching from Gus Eerden helped take the boys to victory in every game, along with stellar batting from Aaron-Jermaine Tohovaka, Simon McMillan and Matthew Warner.

The boys continued their winning streak at the National Tournament in New Plymouth, winning the title. A number of players were chosen for the Tournament Team: Matthew Warner – Infield, Quinten Niu – Outfield and Eden Stubbs – Outfield.

The Girls Premier team had a tough start, losing three close games at the regional tournament. Undaunted, they went 6-2 in league play to qualify for the league championship game.

The team then went to Taranaki for the North Island tournament, finishing 7-2 and winning the North Island championship after beating an undefeated Hastings team 17-10 in the final.

The team was led by Jenna Leeuw and Gillian Wills, who have been named for the All-Auckland and U19 White Sox teams, respectively. As well, Freya Bullock and Liana Wiki were named in the North Island all tournament team.

TIC Girls Mr J Borowicz

TIC Boys Mr L Rae-McLauchlan

## GIRLS CRICKET

AT THE END OF 2010 OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> XI GIRLS CRICKET TEAM COMPETED IN THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN TAUPO, WHERE THEY FINISHED 5<sup>TH</sup> IN NEW ZEALAND. We lost a number of key players from last year's team, but a new squad has quickly developed, led by Michelle Thorp and Amy Dalzell. A number of junior players have joined the squad and the experience of our senior players has meant that their skills and confidence have developed quickly.

The girls were disappointed by two early losses but attendance at training this term has been very good and a great win over St Kentigern's reflected the efforts that the team have been making. In the Auckland Tournament our squad was unbeaten in the 'round robin' games and qualified for the quarter final against top seeds St Cuthberts. It was a nail biting game which went to the last over, but our girls fell short by 14 runs.

Outstanding batters in the team have been Natasha van Tilburg, Michelle Thorp and Amy Dalzell. The best bowling figures have been from Amy Dalzell, Natasha van Tilburg and Veena Patel.

TIC Ms L Chamberlain

## ATHLETICS

### NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our team of 22 athletes who travelled to the National Secondary School Athletics Championships in December came away with more top-10 places in field events than any other school in New Zealand. (See the school website for details!) The 2011 National Championships will be held in Wellington on December 10-11. This is open to all athletes and you do not have to have qualified through the Auckland Championships in order to compete. Parents who wish to find out more about this opportunity can contact the Teacher in Charge of athletics, Mr Geoff Haigh, [hai@avcol.school.nz](mailto:hai@avcol.school.nz).

### ATHLETICS 2011

The school athletics day involved all the juniors and most of the school's senior students. Top performers went on to our Avondale College Championships Finals at the Douglas Track at the Trusts Stadium. This enabled us to select a strong team for the Western Zone Athletics Championships, and then in turn for the Greater Auckland Athletics Championships. For individual results please visit the school website:

[www.avcol.school.nz/activities/athletics](http://www.avcol.school.nz/activities/athletics)

Special mention must be made of Maggie Bradley who has won the Girls Open Race Walk five years in a row. It was also great to see our Head Boy, Phillip Wyatt, recover from a badly pulled hamstring and pick up two titles at these championships. Both Maggie and Phillip have served Avondale College Athletics very well over the last five years and we wish them well in the National Championships at the end of the year.

### NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six athletes were selected to represent Auckland at these championships held in Hamilton on 2-3 April. They were Rebecca Wyatt, Phillip Wyatt, Saane Kaufanga, Ethan Sorrell, Lotima Apolosi and Ryan Burgess. Congratulations once more to our top performers Phillip Wyatt with a win in the Triple Jump and second in the Long Jump, Saane Kaufanga a very close third in the Javelin, Ethan Sorrell with the third best height in the High Jump, Lotima Apolosi fourth in the Hammer Throw and Ryan Burgess qualifying for the final of the 300m.

TIC Mr G Haigh

## TOUCH

The Junior Girls Touch team won the Western Zone Competition recently with a closely fought final against Waitakere College. Despite Avondale dropping several balls in the act of scoring and having some disallowed tries, they persevered and Captain-fantastic Faamu Ross scored the winning try. The whole team deserve congratulations, with great support given by Vice Captain Claudia West who carried on playing despite illness.

Congratulations to coaches Morore Piripi and Jennifer Leauga who have now won both the Senior and Junior West Auckland Championships.

TIC Mrs J Leauga & Mr M Piripi

## WAKA AMA

A senior girls team and a mixed team competed in the Auckland Regional and National Secondary Schools Sprint Regatta. Despite the bad weather the Under 19 girls team placed 2nd in the 250m Plate Final. To Mr Rogers, a special thank you for transporting students to training sessions and events.

At this year's national event, held in Rotorua at Lake Tikitapu, two students represented our school in the singles 250m sprint. Alyssa Jean Savelio placed 6th in the Under 19 Girls Championship final and Anjelica Matapo progressed as far as the Plate semi-final, placing 3rd.

The Regional Junior Regatta takes place later in the year, and students will be invited to sign up for the team in Term 3. If you are an experienced paddler or would like to find out more about the sport please feel free to call in and see Mrs Taka-Brown in G7.

TIC Mrs P Taka-Brown



Greater Auckland Athletics Champions: Saane Kaufanga, Phillip Wyatt, Milan Pickering, Timotheo Isaya (Maggie Bradley not pictured)



Girls Cricket





## NETBALL

This year has again seen many girls commit to playing netball for the school. We currently have six teams playing every Tuesday night at the Waitakere netball courts, while another eight teams play on Saturdays. The Premier team also plays in the Auckland competition out at AMI Stadium every Saturday.

We would like to thank all those who put in countless hours of commitment to make the sport happen – through coaching, transporting, organising and fund raising. Without this co-ordinated effort by all, this code would not function as it does.

And of course thanks to our players whose enthusiasm, commitment and skill make the whole programme work and make all of the effort worthwhile.

The teams are doing well in the competitions and while we still have a few more weeks to go after the school holidays we look forward to a strong finish by all of the teams.

We are looking at running an umpiring course available to all students, staff and family members who are interested in developing their ability to umpire netball. The first 90 minute instructional course will be free and all participants will then have the opportunity take the one hour exam paper at a minimal cost of \$10 to help them become officially sanctioned to umpire competitive netball matches.

For further information on this you can contact Director of Sport Cliff Jones on 820 1736.

Finally, any outstanding fees are now overdue. Please pay at the school office, or see either Mr Jones or Mr Stewart at the Sports Office immediately if there are any issues you need to discuss with them.

TIC Mrs M Aldridge



## SWIM CHAMPS



Boys Swim Champion Sean Newcombe

The College Swim Sports were held at the Henderson West Wave Pool, with two outstanding swimmers dominating all of their events. Year 9 student Caitlin Mann won all of the Girls Open Events she entered and every Junior Girls Event, ending up with seven titles from seven starts. Sean Newcombe (Year 12) won every Senior Boys Event and all but one of the Boys Open Events. He swam nine events, winning eight titles and a second place. Sean is also a member of the New Zealand Under 17 Waterpolo Team and a specialist swimmer in the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Team.

For full results of the day visit:  
[www.avcol.school.nz/activities/sports\\_news](http://www.avcol.school.nz/activities/sports_news)



Caitlin Mann - winner of seven girls swim events

## STUDENT HONOURS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS IN TERM ONE'S HONOURS ASSEMBLY.** These students have achieved excellence at either a regional or national level.

For full details of each student's achievements, visit [www.avcol.school.nz/learning/successes](http://www.avcol.school.nz/learning/successes)

Alison Potts	Equestrian
Anastasia Sekene	Tag
Anjelica Matapo	Waka Ama
Annie Lepua	Politics
Belinda Dickson	Swimming
Caitlin Mann	Swimming
Donny Seualuga	Touch
Eden Stubbs	Softball

Elizabeth Hurrell
Emma Heaps
Enya McPherson
Ethan Sorrell
Ezekiel Kaleopa
Fine Tuhipa
Freya Bullock
Gillian Wills
Gus Eerden
Hayden Cate
Holly Rayner
Hope Curtis
Jasmine Pereira
Jenna Leeuw
Kae Combridge
Karishma Patel

Kate Edwards
Kerey Watters
Liana Wiki
Logan van Gils
Lotima Apolosi
Luke Fielding

Athletics
Swimming
Duke of Edinburgh
Athletics
Swimming
Polyfest
Softball
Softball
Cricket
Swimming
Athletics
Athletics
Softball
Wrestling
Duke of Edinburgh
Lacrosse
Robotics
Softball
Judo
Athletics
Athletics

Luke Hawks
Maggie Bradley
Mark van Tilburg
Metalini Tauetau
Michael McKinnon
Milan Pickering
Nechita Inwood
Neil Aliioaiga
Nicholas Hiku
Peter Sefont
Phillip Wyatt
Quinten Niu
Rebecca Wyatt
Rima Kamoe
Rushlee Pearce
Ruth Minturn
Saane Kaufanga
Sachin Variath
Samantha Ponsonby
Sean Newcombe
Sitiveni Ramataleai
Tara Amos
Te Oramea Solomon
Tee Kaue

Softball
Athletics
Cricket
Polyfest
Touch
Athletics
Athletics
Athletics
Robotics
Robotics
Athletics
Softball
Athletics
Tag
Wrestling
Wrestling
Athletics
Cricket
Tae Kwon Do
Swimming
Athletics
Polyfest
Basketball
Polyfest

Timotheo Isaya	Athletics
Tom Reutlinger	Swimming
Veronica Eades	Athletics
Vinay Patel	Cricket
Vishi Kumar	Cricket
Girls 1st XI Cricket Team	
(Captain - Michelle Thorp)	
Junior Mixed W12 Waka Ama Team	
(Captain - Bush Tapueluelu)	
Junior Mixed W6 Waka Ama Team	
(Captain - Margaret Wallen)	
Premier Girls Touch Team	
(Captain - Fa'amua Ross)	
Senior Boys Softball Team	
(Captain - Simon McMillan)	
Senior Boys Water Polo Team	
(Captain - Sean Newcombe)	
Senior Girls Softball Team	
(Captain - Gillian Wills)	
Senior Girls Ultimate Frisbee Team	
(Captain - Janelle Moody)	
Senior Robotics Team	
(Captain - Kerey Watters)	



## 40 HOUR FAMINE

“ If your activities inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”  
- John Quincy Nolans

To kick start the preparations for the 40 hour Famine, Kate Green, Phillip Wyatt and Ola Shalin were invited represent Avondale College at 'The Global Leadership Convention'. There, we were inspired by many people who had witnessed the world's poverty crisis first hand. The conference not only helped us understand the realities of the world but it also marked the starting point of our own journey to help create a better life for those who live without the many necessities that we take for granted here in New Zealand.

This year World Vision is 'going hard out for the hungry'. With a population of just over one million people, half of those who live in East Timor live in poverty. The \$11,000 raised by Avondale College students from this year's 40 Hour Famine will help to reduce poverty in in East Timor with nutrition, education and much more.  
Ola Shalin



Super heroes and ordinary mortals joined forces to make a difference in the world. Funds raised from the school-wide mufti day went towards World Vision's 'Hard Out for the Hungry' 40 Hour Famine appeal. Thanks to all who took part!

## WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2011

### AUCKLAND SCHOOLS' CELEBRATION

A group of 16 Avondale College students attended a very successful World Refugee Day event on 17 June 2011. The theme this year was "One refugee without hope is too many." Mr Adel Salamanzadeh, from the Ministry of Education, shared a message that reaching your goals requires hard work and perseverance. He spoke about his experiences as a new refugee in this country, many years ago, and how he has got to where he is today.

The focus of the combined schools' event was on celebrating the cultures of the students attending, and their achievements since arriving in New Zealand. The Avondale College Ethiopian dance group performed well, performing a dance called Iskista. The group members are Hiwote Yilmer, Hibest Asfaw, Wubet Netere and Birhan Zinaw. Other items included speeches, traditional dress presentations and Mon dances.

It was a great day of celebration and it was a privilege to be a part of it.

## GATEWAY



Gateway students have been working double time this year, not only keeping up with classwork and assignments but also gaining valuable real-world experience in their chosen career paths with placements in a variety of work situations.

Special congratulations go to Year 13 students Joseph Hoover and Jen Brown who have been awarded Gateway's Student of the Term awards for Terms 1 and 2.

Joseph has been working one day a week at Mani Motors in New Lynn, where he has shown himself to be a highly motivated and dedicated worker. Jen has had a placement at Peninsula Physio in Te Atatu. Pat Hunt, owner of the practice has been impressed with Jen's attitude and commented that it has been a pleasure having her at the clinic.

Well done to all our Gateway students who have been a credit to Avondale College.

## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Parents, please remember we welcome enquires from you regarding your child's future direction. Careers Counsellors can be contacted on the following numbers:

**Jacqui Birkhead /Jo Thomson 820 1729**

**Judith Johnson 828 7024 ext 805**

Please visit our pages on the school intranet site where we outline exciting upcoming career events on our noticeboard.

### CAREERQUEST

Careerquest is a programme available at lunchtime in the careers room or at home on [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz), designed to provide students with a range of career options to explore, based on their interests and skills. This is an excellent way to broaden their horizons and start them thinking about their future direction.

### YEAR 13 INTERVIEWS

We see all Year 13 students at least once during the year with the aim of clarifying their future direction and goals. These interviews are currently in progress. Now could be a good time to discuss career goals with your child to continue this process.

### SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2012

An invitation to the **PATHWAYS PLANNING EVENING** for Students and Parents of all Year Levels

**Thursday 18 August**

**Avondale College Theatre - 3.30 – 6.30pm**

You are welcome to drop in any time during the evening.

All school departments will be present to help students and their parents to plan subject choices for 2012. Liaison staff from Universities, Polytechs and Private Training Providers will also be present to assist with planning beyond school. This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure your child makes informed choices about their future pathways. We look forward to seeing you there.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

Universities, Polytechnics and different private providers have started to present information sessions for parents and students on courses within their various faculties. We advise you to contact the tertiary institution your child may wish to attend to see if there is an upcoming presentation.

Every Year 12 and 13 student has been given a list of our own lunchtime career speakers for this term. There will be further speakers in Term 3.



# PREFECTS 2011

**Head Prefects:** Phillip Wyatt and Rebekah Head

**Deputies:** Tarita Avaemai, Sophie Ruffles, Isabella Mitchell, Mitchell Darrah, Sachin Variath and David Waters

**Girls:** Miffy Barling, Maggie Bradley, Sagrika Chand, Jessica Channings, Chelsea Cox, Ruth Crowe, Veronica Eades, Angela En, Miriam George, Emma Heaps, Skye Hurst, Cynthia Karikala, Alexandra Lee, Kitele Lomi, Melissa Lu, Danica MacLean, Joyce Safa'i-Papalii, Alyssa-Jean Savelio, Ola Shahin, Papatuanuku Taukiri-Tamarua, Michelle Thorp, Anna Thyberg, Isabella Wilson

**Boys:** Elvin Alfaro, Asafo Asafo, Patrick Baynes, Jared Brenan, Michael Brown, Zak Enayat, Simon Gasson, Shao George, Thomas Gibbs, Wang Hao, Hayden Harris, Zaahir Hassen, Tim Howard, Andrew Liese, Kelvin Lim, Mason Lino, Mehran Mahbub, Craig Mildon, Jake Murray, James Noh, Gian Pimentel, Yo Han Ryoo, Chris Tuuga-Stevenson, Jimmy Yang.



Head Prefects Phillip Wyatt and Rebekah Head

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 1 First Day of Term 3
- 10 **Open Evening 4-7pm**
- 15-19 Career Week
- 15-19 In Zone Enrolments (See website for details)
- 17 Year 12 Drama 7pm
- 18 Pathways Planning 3.30-6.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Gateway Information Evening
- 1 Closing date for Out-of-Zone Enrolment Applications
- 6-10 **School Show: Oliver**
- 14-21 **Senior Exams**
- 29 Jazz and Soul Concert 7pm

### OCTOBER

- 6 Report Evening – Seniors Only
- 7 End of Term 3

Enrolment applications for 2012 are now open

Closing date for out-of-zone applications: 1 Sept 2011

*"A sense of unity, common purpose  
and striving for  
personal excellence  
prevails."*

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# OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 4-7PM

Avondale College, Victor Street, Avondale, Auckland

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