

AVONDALE COLLEGE

2010



Brent Lewis, Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The preparations for the stage one redevelopment of the College are now apparent to any visitor to the school. In recent weeks several prefabs have been moved to new locations on site and work has commenced on the building of a new two storey mathematics facility to be followed shortly thereafter by the complete redevelopment of D block. Part of the development will also include a school-funded atrium between these building which will provide high quality, sheltered, recreational and leisure space for students to enjoy both in summer and winter.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

All of these developments are due to be completed by the commencement of the 2011 school year. The stage two project which follows, includes the building of new science, social science, health, and dance facilities which are being located on what is currently a largely vacant site where the old technology facility used to be located.

These new and exciting developments will remove the prefabs and older buildings from use and replace them with leading edge facilities made in high quality, permanent materials that will enhance the learning environment for many years to come. There is considerable effort going in to minimising any impact that these developments will have on the ongoing life of the school and once fully completed, will finally result in the removal of all the prefabs that have been on site for the last two decades. There is no intention to increase the school roll but rather, to bring the learning environment

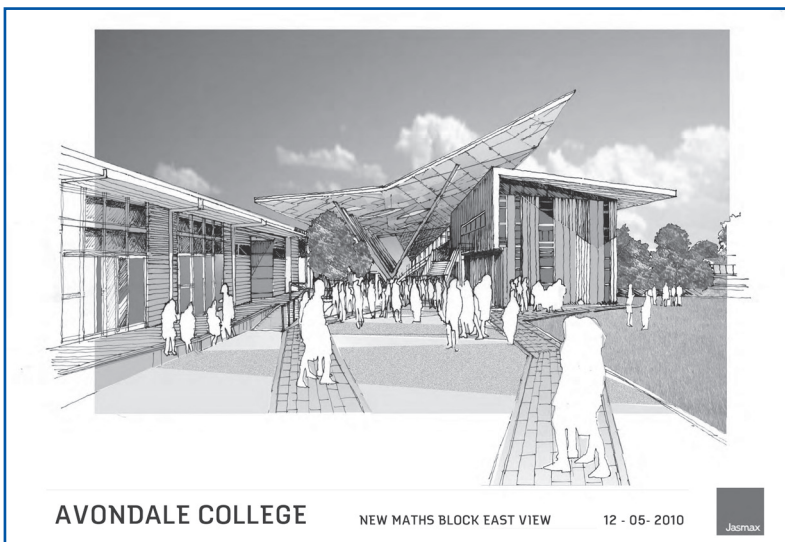
forward to become the most modern and effective possible.

The newly elected 2010 College Board is comprised of former Board members Debbie Collis and Kevin Glubb who were also joined by newly elected members Derek Burgess, Kathryn Hurley, Alan Jones, Chris Maday, Nua Silipa and Alisa Samountry. The staff is looking forward to working with this motivated and well-qualified team in the interests of our students.

We also want to express our warmest appreciation to the outgoing Board members who served our school so well. In particular, Board Chair Dave Shadbolt (who led the Board for six years and served for nine years in total) has done a tremendous job with the support of board members Kevin Glubb, Debbie Collis, Tea Roache-Malo, Gillian Howard, the late Karen Kalopulu, Jan Peach, Nick Tuitasi and staff representative Heather Reeves.

It has been a positive and hard-working team that has managed significant change in the school; governing the school through an outstanding ERO report as well as the initiation of the newly commenced building redevelopment project. They gave many selfless hours in the interests of our college and we warmly appreciate their achievements.

Mr B Lewis
Principal



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INTERNATIONAL AUTHOR VISITS



Scholarship English students experienced a rare treat with the visit of Lionel Shriver, internationally acclaimed author of the novel *We Need to Talk About Kevin*. Ms Shriver was in Auckland for two days only, for the annual

Readers and Writers festival, and she happily agreed to come and talk to our students about her work. Students had the opportunity to ask questions of Ms Shriver, who answered with interesting, challenging detail. A self-confessed "social misanthrope", she was certainly open and generous with her reasons for writing such a novel. While the story does involve a gruesome act, the main focus is on the ideas of maternal ambivalence, fear, blame and of course the much-discussed nature vs nurture debate. Students were able to take away Ms Shriver's pearls of wisdom to use in their own discussion and writing on the novel. We look forward to the results of having such a wonderful opportunity to engage with this intriguing and clever woman.

K Guise
TIC Scholarship English

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AS WE REMEMBER ANZAC DAY

By Sarah Woolley

April 25th, Nineteen Fifteen
Your history teacher would start
ut within all the dates and facts
Lies the incomprehensible part.

The concept that is hard for us
To try and fathom, or grasp
Is how changed forever that woman
will be
With her photo tightly clasped

She searched listings in the paper
Not wanting to know more
She watched the news, read the
letters
And crumpled to the floor

And what about her little girl
Who couldn't understand
Why Daddy wasn't coming home
And who would hold her hand

For every evening of her childhood
Her mother would recite
That Daddy was a brave, brave man
Before turning out the light

Some of us can only hear
Through stories and accounts
Of the price that our men paid
But none of that amounts

To how those men saw men amongst
them fall
And finding the power to press on;
Feeling the fear and doing it anyway;
Fighting from dawn to dawn

Great suffering caused to a small
country
By the loss of so many young men
So we need to remind ourselves of
this
Time and time again...

ANZAC soldiers lest we forget
The price that you all paid
To those who never got back home
Or whose memory of it will never
fade.

It's thanks to you, your sacrifice
That New Zealand came to be,
To have a confidence, make a
contribution,
And gain identity

You gave of yourselves and left your
homes,
Your loves, your family.
You gave it up for your New Zealand
And fought with such tenacity

To those who have been affected
In a painfully scarring way
We give thanks, and our hearts cry out
to you
As we remember ANZAC Day.



CAREER NEWS

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 in process. Now could be a good time to discuss career goals with your child to continue this process.

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.

J Birkhead
Director of Careers

SCHOOL MOTTO

KOHIA NGA TAIKAKA - COLLECT THE HEARTWOOD

The school has a motto of which it is justly proud. Literally it means "to collect the heartwood", to strive after the best things in life and to work, play and act in a manner that will bring credit to each individual and to the College.

HOMEWORK



The habit is so important to develop. Do not wait until exams are just around the corner. Do it now!

The following is a guide to what can reasonably be expected at each year level.

Year 9 at least 1 hour per night

Year 10 ...at least 1.5 hours per night

Year 11at least 2 hours per night

Year 12 ...at least 2.5 hours per night

Year 13at least 3 hours per night

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Young Enterprise Scheme

The businesses entered into the Young Enterprise Regional Oral Competition.

Snaz Products prototypes included hair clips and ribbons of different shapes and sizes. Their products were all hand-made. Their presentation included their budget and finance report and how they would like to donate 10 percent of their sales to the Child Cancer Society.

The Snaz Products team is: **Shannon Mala, Serena Arora, Saipriya Shahi, Nayla, Hossain, Glen Sugianto, Anna Chinnamallela, Adarshna Prakash** and **Adeel Surendran**.

Future Scope has a great creative idea that is a website for high school students who are looking for part-time jobs.

The Future Scope team is: **Tom Van Dinther, Rosanna Rov, Karishma Patel, Kanna Yamasaki, Joel Walsham, Joanna Summers** and **Chris Zhang**.

By participating in Young Enterprise, the students gain skills in communication, leadership and production as well as working as a team. All teams have been encouraged to carry on their projects.

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, to name a few. During the term the students have been getting tutored by **Meli Han**, a former Avondale Student currently at AU Business School. The competition runs in the first week of school holidays. In the competition students will be given 3 hours to analyse a case and develop a strategy for a real company. They are then given 10 minutes to present their proposed strategy to a panel of judges, which is followed by a 10 minute question and answer session. Students involved are: **Maggie He, Cherry Li, Makanaka Tuve** and **Prony Rod-Ngam**.

Visit by SAVY

After seeing a presentation at Auckland University Business School in 2009, this year it was possible to organise a visit to the school by this group of university students.

During the term, an organisation (charitable trust) called SAVY visited the school to take an hour long workshop with each year 13 form class.

The hour long sessions are facilitated by university students from the Auckland University Business School. Their aim is to instil good financial habits in young adults. They see that young people today are exposed to various financial products and often find themselves confused or unable to access information to aid decision making.

J Smith
Director of Commerce

DANCE CLUB

The 2010 Dance Club at Avondale has successfully been performing for the home Premier Basketball games.



Their vibrant energy, synchronism and flexible moves have been extremely valued by the school's basketball team

and have been an excellent opportunity for our gifted junior dancers to perform in front of a packed stadium.

DRAMA NEWS

Year 13 Drama presented "Keep it Kiwi", scenes from New Zealand plays, in Term 2, while Year 12 Drama presented "Brit Grit", scenes from British plays, in Term 3.

The Junior Drama Club is busy with after school activities. Watch this space to see what play they will be performing in Term 4.

A Nelson
Director of Drama

2010 AVONDALE COLLEGE BALL

Avondale College's 2010 Ball was a spectacular night thanks to the miraculous effort of our Year 13 Deans, **Mrs Lee** and **Ms Learmonth**, our Year 13 Deputy Principal **Ms Brown**, and our leading prefects (the Ball Committee).

Our theme this year was Secret Garden, and many of our senior students chose to embrace this night, with **Zophrania Tautau** winning 'Best Dressed Theme'. The Ball Committee also acknowledged **Velda Felosai** as 'Random Hottie', **Alex Wheat** for 'Best Dressed' and **Kristian De Pont** and **Jessie Booth** as 'Best Couple'. Our 2010 King and Queen were **Eddie Vaisau** and **Monique Simpson**. Our Prince and Princess were **Elvin Alfaro** and **Sophie Ruffles**.

Catch 22 played throughout the night entertaining us, and we were also fortunate to hear our two senior students **Jana Nee** and **Junior Chia** perform for us. Dancing and socialising were prominent throughout the evening, as well as a long queue of at least a third of our students waiting to photograph and capture their Secret Garden Ball.



All in all, this night was a great success and we thank all that attended who made our evening special. The young men and women all rose to the occasion and were a pleasure to dine with.

Again thank you all who were involved with the planning of the gracious event, I know we will be all treasuring this night long afterwards and no doubt with our superb photographs.

JAZZ FEST

Avondale College's Jazz Combo, **Combination Locrian**, beat 14 other bands to take the Award for Best Secondary School Jazz Combo at the Port of Tauranga National Youth Jazz Band Competition held in Tauranga at Easter.

The contest, now in its 33rd year, attracted entries from around the country with bands travelling from as far afield as Christchurch, Kerikeri and Wellington.

Adjudicator Roger Fox said the standard of performance from the bands has increased this year which is encouraging for the future of jazz in New Zealand.

Avondale College had previously won the Combos section in 2004, but this win was the first for band director Mr Devereux. "It is really awesome and very exciting," he said. "The students have all worked incredibly hard."

The seven-piece combo was the first to compete in the Combos section, playing on Friday afternoon and most of the band returned to Auckland before the winners were announced, leaving tenor saxophone player **Jo Walker** and pianist **Hayden Randles** to collect the trophy and frantically call the rest of the band to



tell them the good news.

"It is really exciting," Jo said. "Most of us have been playing together for the past three years, but we have a new bassist this year."

Dr Fox said the band's innovative approach to the music they played sealed the award. "They don't just play the material - they came up with different ways of playing and they have a very good handle on the jazz language."

Combination Locrian won the Massey University Trophy for the best Jazz Combo in the Competition.

Rueben Jellyman also won the George Rawiri Memorial Trophy for the Most Outstanding Young Jazz Musician in the competition as well as taking the Hill/Willcock Trophy for being the best Drummer.

R Devereux
Tic Jazz

TALENT QUEST

What a night. The 20th of May saw Wonderwomen, dancers, multi-talented musicians and all-round performers gather in the P.A.C to perform in front of their friends, family, and complete strangers thanks to our annual Talent Quest Final.



With a school as big as Avondale, talent hides around every corner, and sure enough many of them came out and made it to the final round, performing in front of celebrity judges representing our Dance, Entertainment and Music categories. To round things off for the night both the College's Prefects and

Staff performed their secret items to decide the winner of the yearly rivalry.

The Staff burnt up the dance floor with their own Top 40 covers, courageously pulling off Justin Bieber's "Baby". Standout performances from all involved, including an impressive cameo by Year 9 Dean Mr Anderson!

The Prefects brought a taste of their childhood with them, in the form of a trip through the 90s [some staff may have struggled to remember this era], choreographed by none other than Head Prefect Sarah Woolley.

It was a close call, according to the judges, but it was hard to fault both groups' performances. However, it was the Prefects who took home the title!

Congratulations to all who performed, and a big thanks to everyone who made it such a great night for all: Prefects, Deans, techies, the lucky young lad who somehow won two spot prizes, and last but not least the supporters.

Thanks to all for such a wonderful event.

Dan Liu
13JVE

POLYFEST 2010

CHINESE GROUP

It is the first time, over the last ten years, the Avondale College Chinese Group participated at this year's ASB Polyfest in Manukau City. It was no problem that the group performed on the non-competitive section at the diversity stage, but it did take a lot of hard work to get to the high standard.

The students in the group are happy, talented and fun-lovers. Most of them are international students who came to NZ less than one year. Without any tutor, the group learnt the basic action of the dance from the DVD, then created their own contemporary dance which promoted the spirit of "facing challenge and never give up". It was the first time for them to perform outside their hometowns. The parents, especially those overseas, were very happy with their children's participation at school and felt proud of them.

The group had only five weeks to learn and practise for the event. Every lunchtime they learnt their own action, then practised after schools and Saturdays. It seemed tough and challenging at the beginning, but it was all worth it in the end. The good thing of the group was that Mr Lewis, teachers and students were impressed with their performance.



The commitment to the dance and input of **Fang Yuan** (Vivian) and **Zhuang Hao** (Tony) were much appreciated. I want to thank all the students who participated, **Mr Khoo** who kindly offered his help with the costumes and the students who helped and supported the group. Special mention must be made of the support given by **Mrs Wynne**, and the teachers, **Miss Giborees** and **Mrs Kuo**.

I wish the group the best of luck and enjoyment in the years to come and look forward to seeing more new participants in the group next year.

S Zhou
TIC Chinese Group

COOK ISLAND GROUP

This year the Cook Island Group which comprised of students from years 9-13

performed at Polyfest on Friday 19th March to huge crowds of excited and delighted visitors at this annual cultural celebration. They performed six items, all composed by the tutors, to convey this year's theme, "Me tika to'ou kaveinga, ka autu koe" which simply translates to "It's not the mountains we conquer, but ourselves".

Though the group performed near the end of the day of the competition, they remained focused and motivated for their performance. The students changed into three different costumes all made by the tutors for the different items. The main colours for this year were brown, and black and white. The costumes were outstanding. The brown signified the Cook Island ancestry and history and the black and white signified Avondale College.

Overall, the Cook Island group performed at a top level and showed that 6 weeks worth of practising pays off!

Students involved: **Jeneya Perez, Karly Langson, Kathleen Cummings, Kelly Langson, Laken Maroroa, Marcelle Areai, Simi Kaulima, Makeke Tauia, Royal Jessie, Emma-Leigh Otene, Mayleina Meli, Tara Amos, Tarita Avaemai, Anita Topp, Paige Tetevano, Kristy Apaina, Kelly Walters, Desmond Rere, Tremain Harawira, Taria Tavai, Sean Papali'i** and **Spencer Papali'i**.

S Wilson
TIC Cook Island Group

INDO-FIJIAN GROUP

The Indo-Fijian dance group did a wonderful performance in the polyfest festival this year. The dance was distinct as our students presented their folk dance that showed fusion of cultures, hence unity in diversity. They were a distinct group of students in colourful clothes who went out there and did their best. They put in a lot of energy and persevered to make their dance perfect. Though this was not a competition our students got loud applause from the audience. The performance was a great success and the students felt rewarded.



Thanks to **Bindiya Chand** for her many hours of hard-work in getting the group prepared.

Many thanks to our costume designers and leaders, **Priyanka, Wessy** and **Bindiya** and to all the participants, **Samantha, Janita, Yusra, Payal, Hannah, Anjani, Prianca, Shewta** and **Shayal** for their energetic performance.

P Dayal
Tic Indo-Fijian Group

SAMOAN GROUP



The Samoan group has had an exciting time preparing for the 2010 competition at Polyfest. This year marked the 35th anniversary since it started in the 70s. From small beginnings, the Auckland Secondary Schools Maori and Pacific Islands Cultural Festival has become the largest of its kind in the world. The festival is an iconic annual event that celebrates the pride and passion of Maori and Pacific Island communities through cultural song, dance, speech and art. It was estimated that 2010 held a record number of participants and spectators drawing approximately more than 90,000 people.

Avondale College has won the Samoan co-ed stage for the last eight years and so as always, there was mounting pressure and high expectations faced by the group. The students worked really hard practising the complex choreography, routines and songs. They practised most days giving up their lunch times and afterschool and also sacrificing their Saturdays in order to achieve their best.

They were fortunate enough to have the great team of tutors and staff again taking their performance to yet another level. The theme for this year's Polyfest was "It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves" (Sir Edmund Hillary) "Kia tū Rangatiratanga" This was incorporated in both routine and songs most notably in the entrance where the choreography challenged past routines by attempting a 'two student lift' to form and illustrate the mountain (can be viewed on tvnz ondemand/ youtube).



This year's Polyfest effort was both challenging and rewarding and it is with great relief to report that Avondale College has again won the Samoan co-ed stage 2010 - nine years running. A huge thank you goes out to the tutors (**Vae, Laki, Simon, Jnr, Lipo, Fale, Masi, Helen and Faiumu**) student leaders (**Mina, Barce, Jeff, Lena**) parents (**Nua and Valilia**) and staff (**Mrs Peteru, Mrs Kemp, Ms Magasiva**) for all their hard work and support. A special thank you to **Mrs Wynne** for looking after all the Polyfest groups over the years. Fa'afetai tele lava ma Tofa Soifua.

M Sagala
TIC Samoan Group

TONGAN GROUP

"Malo e lelei, the 2010 Avondale College Tongan Culture Group, a much larger group, once again participated in the ASB Polyfest

this year, hosted by Hillary College.

The group entered two items: the Ma'ulu'ulu and the Tau'olunga in the competitive section. The performers consisting of 31 girls and 25 boys performed with enthusiasm and passion. Some of the students even stood up during the performance and expressed their happiness by making loud sounds and dance movement.

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

Practices were held three to four times a week after school and Saturdays, as well as every lunch time. This meant that the distinctive, harmonious and very loud sounds of Tonga could be heard throughout G-block and ST1 where practices were held.

Moreover, it was exciting to see so many brand new Year Nine's showing an interest at the beginning of the year, and those who continued on made a significant contribution.

A big thank you and goodbye goes to the

tutor **Mr V Vaea** for his contribution to the Tongan group for the last three years, and to the leaders **Jeannie Latu, Lilieta Maumau, Nancy Lu'au, Monty Lakatani, Leni Lolohea, and William Saulala**, the parents and supporters for their contribution and time. Special thanks to the assistant teachers **Mrs Sinisa** and **Ms Katira** for their support and contribution, and to all the executives, especially, **Mr B Lewis** (Principal), **Mrs F Wynne** (Deputy Principal) and **Mr J Goold** (Deputy Principal) for also providing great support for the Tongan Group every year.



Finally, I wish all the best to the entire group and every success for the rest of the year. I look forward to seeing the group and new members participating in next year Avondale College Tongan Culture Group at the ASB Polyfest 2011."

S Fotu
TIC Tongan Group

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

During the 1st term holidays, Team Ninja embarked on their 23 kilometre qualifying journey in the Waitakere Ranges. These students are part of The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award programme that is available here at Avondale College.



The qualifying journey was over two days with an overnight sleeping in tents. The first day of the tramp was the most challenging when students had to ascend to the highest point in the Waitakere Ranges (Te Toiokawharu), climbing to a height of 474 metres above sea level. Students began their tramp from the Huia Dam carpark which is at sea level. They tramped to Odilins campsite where they camped before moving on to Whatipu to complete

their journey. Teams who are involved in the journeys must have a purpose for the journey. Team Ninja's purpose was to see how much and what types of rubbish is left in the outdoors by the public. Their results show that more commonly used tracks like the tracks in the Cascade carpark area had a lot more rubbish than the more rugged walks out at Huia and Whatipu. Team Ninja also picked up all the rubbish they found and returned the rubbish to a proper disposal area. A shadow party follows behind the students at a distance of approximately 100 metres. This is to allow the students to operate in an independent environment. Students are to wait for the shadow party at every intersection before deciding which way they need to proceed. The journey was a great success where students gained a lot of self confidence and developed a greater understanding and respect for the bush.

Team Ninja students: **Eunice Ng, Joy Li, Elaine Lee, Shreshtha Maiti and Isabella Wilson**. Shadow Party: **Miss Killip, Mr Eccles, Miss Hay and Mrs Anderson**.

The silver award team also went for tramp in the ranges. They had a three day 36 kilometre tramp with two overnights sleeping in tents. This tramp was part

of a practice journey for the students. Silver award teams need to complete two practice tramps before completing a 50 kilometre three day qualifying journey. The practice journeys are designed to prepare students for their qualifying journey. They learn all about bush craft, First Aid, safety and survival, orienteering, map work, meal preparation, planning the journey and many other disciplines associated with being safe in the outdoors. This was another successful journey that was enjoyed by all; the students were relieved to see the gates at the end of the tramp.



Silver Award Team: **Freya Brehmer-Hine, Skye Hurst, Kaitlin Le Lievre and Jasmine Korff**. Shadow Party: **Mr Anderson, Miss McClure, Miss Klosser and Mr Jenkins**.

J Anderson
Teacher in Charge

SPORTS REPORT

BASKETBALL

All of our basketball teams have been performing strongly this year. The **Under 19 Girls** and **Under 17 Girls** have enjoyed some strong wins in the mid-week competition. The **Under 15 Girls** are undefeated, having beaten some teams by more than 100 points. **Julia Vito**, **Sandy Faalai** and **Courtenay Leauanae** are playing well for these teams. The two **Under 19 Boys'** teams, along with the two **Under 17 Boys'** teams and the **Under 15 Boys'** team have also enjoyed mid-week success, with strong performances from **Eddison Wu** and **Douglas Whiting**. Both our **Premier Boys'** and **Premier Girls'** teams are in the top four in Auckland, playing in front of big and loud crowds here at Avondale on Friday nights. **Shontelle Makaea** and **Nina Reutlinger** have been playing well for the girls, while **Charles Epati** and **Christian Tuiafaiva** have been strong for the boys. Congratulations also to **Teoramae Solomon**, who has made the final selection squad for the NZ Under 17 team. **Teoramae** has played extremely well for the **Premier Girls'** team and thoroughly deserves her selection.

CROSS COUNTRY

The school Cross Country event was held during week six in miserable conditions. **Wondim Gebre-Yesus** won the Senior Boys, **Teklay Zinaw** the Intermediate Boys and **Oliver Westerman** the Junior Boys. **Maggie Bradley** won the Senior Girls, **Hannah Hoeksema** the Intermediate Girls and **Rebecca Wyatt** the Junior Girls. Well done to all those who battled the wind and rain to compete. Six athletes went on to compete in the Auckland Cross Country Championships, which were also held in cold and wet conditions. Congratulations to **Teklay Zinaw**, who finished 11th in his age group. Other students to compete were **Maggie Bradley**, **Tim Howard**, **Reed Longman**, **Taylor Norgrove** and **Oliver Westerman**.

FENCING

Rory Ogg was placed 2nd at the Auckland Secondary School Competition. He went to Sydney as a part of the NZ National Team for the Under 17 Australian Championship.

Elliot Nicholson is the winner of the Owen Housby Memorial (Under 15 Intermediate Foil Competition).

BOYS FOOTBALL

Our **1st XI** and **2nd XI** have had slow starts to the season, facing some tough opposition

along the way. However the **3rd XI** and **4th XI** have both scored some big wins, with plenty of goals being scored. Strong performances have come from **Dennis Chand**, **Tim Lokes** and **Shivneel Gounder**. We have both of our junior teams in the A1 division – a feat that previously has not been achieved here at Avondale. Well done to the **Year 9** and **Year 10 boys** involved and to their respective coaches, **Mr Holmes** and **Mr Healey**. **Blake Semp** and **Patryk Kelly** have both starred for the juniors.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The **1st XI** have been involved in some tight matches thus far in the Central Premier division and are well-placed for the upcoming nationals as they are currently in Auckland's top four teams. The **2nd XI** have also had some close encounters, whilst the **3rd XI** and **4th XI** have been scoring freely this season. Players performing well in senior football include **Hannah Hoeksema**, **Anna Curtis**, **Savath Chan**, **Jessica Owens** and **Shanti Morgan**. The **Junior A Girls** have been involved in some high-scoring matches and have been on the winning end of these on a few occasions. **Claudia West**, **Sam Murray** and **Nicole McMillan** are all playing well.

HOCKEY

All of our hockey teams have enjoyed success so far this season. The **Open A Girls** have been well-served by **Bonita Wong** and, after a slow start, the **Open B Girls** have also tasted success, with **Paige Froggatt** playing well. **Alisa Samountry** has been scoring lots of goals for the **Under 15 Girls**, who have been winning some of their matches by big margins. The **Open Boys** have been scoring well, but also defending strongly. Star players include **Phillip Wyatt** and **Liam Cornelius**. The **Under 15 Boys** are placed very high on the ladder in their division, with **Mitchell Murray** scoring freely for the team.

LACROSSE

Both teams in the girls divisions continue their successful run in the sport, with the **Division One Girls** combining well as a team and scoring some massive victories. The team has scored a lot of goals but is also very strong in defence, making them a dominant force in the division. Many of the squad are representative players and will be looking forward to the Auckland Championships. The **Division Two Girls** have also proven themselves as a force in their competition,

placing high on the season ladder.

NETBALL

Our netball teams have been involved in some very tight matches this season. The **Premier One**, **Premier Two** and **Senior A teams** have been winning matches by close margins. The **Senior B team** has been close on a few occasions and are starting to find some good form. The **Year 9** and **Year 10 teams** have also been playing well, managing to score some good victories against strong opposition. The **Junior Premier** team played in a tournament at North Harbour Netball during the term, winning several matches played.

RUGBY LEAGUE

After a slow start to the season, the **1st XIII** have strung together some good performances, playing well as a team and scoring some great tries. **Jonathan Owens** and **Michael Tovao** have been showing good form for the team. The **Under 15** team has also performed well, making the top four of their division and scoring some big victories along the way. **Tapu Pauli** and **Michael Herangi** have been standout performers.

RUGBY UNION

The **1st XV** has been competing well and were unlucky not to have won more matches.



The team has been involved in some close encounters, whilst the **2nd XV** and **5th Grade** have also played well on occasions. Junior teams have been performing well, with the **Under 14** and **Under 15 sides** both scoring some good victories with attacking play. **Corey Seil** has been a strong performer for the **Under 15 team**. The school hosted Osaka Toin High School from Japan, who played matches against the **1st VX** and the **Under 15s** here at Avondale. These matches were followed by a function to thank our visitors and wish them well for the rest of their tour.

SQUASH

Squash has seen some new players trying the sport this year, with two teams in both the **Boys' and Girls' Senior Divisions**. The squads train regularly and are learning with each week and enjoying the experience of competition play. The school was represented by both a **Boys' and Girls' team** at the recent Auckland Secondary School Championships. The girls placed 3rd in Division Two, whilst the boys finished 5th in Division Two. Students to compete were **Phillip Josey, James Noh, Cory McQuoid, Joseph Arandelovic, Matthew Henry, Paige Froggatt, Sarah Martin, Christina Li, Sonja He, Regine Salvador** and **Lauren Sharp**.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Both our teams have been performing very consistently throughout the season, with both teams placed high on the ladder.

The teams also enjoyed success at the recent Northern Region Championships at Henderson, with the **Seniors** going through the tournament undefeated to take the gold medal, winning the final 5-0 against Otumoetai.



Congratulations to **Leo Lines, Daniel Young, George Young, Nick Rebers, Daniel Ware** and **Sam Law**, who all made the Northern Zone Under 18 squad. The **Juniors** also had a successful weekend, winning a bronze

medal in their division. Both teams have now qualified for the national championships in Rotorua. Many thanks to **Stephanie O'Neale, Sam Cooper** and **Scott Goodhew** – all ex-Avondale students who coach our squads.

WAKA AMA

During the term, **Alyssa-Jane Savelio** and **Tamara Taka-Brown** represented the school at the Waka Ama World Championships in Noumea. **Alyssa-Jane** won two gold medals – in the 500m J16 12-man division and the 1000m 6-man division. Her team also won bronze in the 500m 6-man division. **Alyssa-Jane** narrowly missed out on a medal in the individual event but she is now ranked fourth in the world for her age group. Well done to both girls on a fantastic performance.

P Jamieson
Director of Sport

SPORTS ACADEMY

The Avondale Sports Academy is a HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME aimed at taking our most talented sportsmen and women to the next level by nurturing their ability and moulding them into healthy, productive and talented sports people. Our philosophy is to develop a programme that instils, not only the ethos of Avondale College but inspires our students to succeed in all aspects of life at the College and beyond.

Year 9 Programme

All students have been working very hard in their respective Sports' Codes and this is paying dividends in terms of our Sports' results and performances.

Inspire Students of Term 2

The following students have been selected by Coaches as Term 2 winners for their Aptitude, Attitude and Effort: **Corban Felix**, Basketball; **Ryan Burgess**, Cricket; **Mark Mildon**, Football; **Dane Tracey**, Hockey; **Kelsey Stanyer**, Netball and **Aiden Burch**, Rugby. Congratulations.

Year 10 Programme

Students have been combining practical coaching sessions and theory work all term. They have undertaken an examination on fitness and have produced a sports nutrition booklet for Premier teams, the best to be published on our Sports Academy Web page.

The students have also been fortunate to

visit the Millennium Institute of Sport and Health where they underwent physical testing, a speed session and team-building work. A motivational workshop run by **Sam Wariner** (NZ Tri-Athlete) took place where students learned about time management, goal setting and self-management. Full reports will be on the Avondale College website soon.

Avondale College Sports Academy - Aiming High

Mark Van Tilburg is a Year 9 student and a member of the Sports Academy. A young Cricketer of immense potential, he scored an unbeaten 120 against Auckland Grammar School and 88 against Takapuna Grammar School. Mark completed an amazing couple of weeks after scoring another unbeaten century for his club Suburbs-New Lynn.

2010 is an exciting year for the Sports Academy, as it has expanded to encompass Year 9 and 10 students. The philosophy of the Sports Academy is to nurture the talent of young students like **Mark Van Tilburg**, giving them the opportunity and environment to excel, both on the sports field and in the classroom.

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ROBOTICS

WORLD CHAMPS IN DALLAS, TEXAS

In April the Binary Blitz robotics team travelled to Dallas to compete in the World Championships after winning at the national VEX robotics competition in March for a second year in a row. **Mr Tetley** and **Mrs Hepburn** along with **Daniel Sheffield, Andrew Liese, Jack Liu, Kerey Watters, Christina Li, Sue Huang** and **Sonja He** competed among the 400 teams present at the massive event. The competition was divided into four divisions, Math, Engineering, Science and Technology of 100 teams each. The team placed in the top third of the ranking matches in their division and in the top 10 of the programming skills challenge. It was also in the running for the "Think" award which is given to teams who integrate a well-developed autonomous routine in their robot programming. The competition was a fantastic opportunity to see how other teams approached the design challenges of the game and executed strategy in the process. Several early difficulties prevented the team from advancing as far as the qualification matches and this was a disappointment. Robot jetlag was a problem not anticipated. The team worked long hours into the nights while in Dallas to get the robots in the best possible condition and left knowing that they had given their best. While in Dallas the new game for the new season was announced called "Round Up". In this game robots must place "doughnuts" onto moveable pegs and then climb a ladder at the end of the game. A new set of robots with new capabilities and strategy must be developed and thinking has already begun for this exciting game.

B Tetley
Teacher in Charge