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From the Principal

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

We have had a very positive beginning to the 2016 school year and want to extend the warmest of greetings to all families whose association with Avondale College has begun this year.

RECORD ACADEMIC RESULTS

We are delighted to report that 2016 began with the return of record academic results from the NCEA, Scholarship and Cambridge examinations sat by our senior students at every level.

Further, the successes of our highest achieving students in topping the world in the Cambridge International Examinations (for the fourth year running) has been a source of particular pride.

Camille Balducci came first in the world in A Level French and Bronwen Lamb topped the world in A Level Geography. These students have followed the extraordinary achievements of previous Avondale students who have also topped the world in diverse subjects ranging from German, Physics and Psychology (twice) to Applied Computing.

But they were not the only Avondale students to reach the heights. Many others were awarded top results in Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A Levels as well as in NCEA Levels 1 to 3, and New Zealand Scholarship. Very importantly these consistently high levels of success were shared by all students from all backgrounds and ethnicities; all of whom performed above national norms. For example the University Entrance pass rates of Maori students at Avondale College are now higher than the pass rates for all students in New Zealand.

We are pleased and proud of these achievements which are a credit to the students, their families and their teachers. They also reflect the supportive and aspirational climate which fosters academic excellence here at Avondale College.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year the two Avondale students who gained scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge universities in the United Kingdom commenced study at these prestigious learning institutions. They have now been followed by two students who have gained scholarships to equally prestigious universities in the USA (Harvard and Amherst). We wish Ery Zhu and Jaclyn Chetty all the very best as they commence their studies in the new term.

These successes demonstrate to all those Avondale College students who follow that they too can successfully compete with the very best in the world and that there are no barriers or limits to their future aspirations.

I.C.T. DEVELOPMENTS

The outstanding results achieved by our ICT Innovation Academy students, both nationally and internationally, have also attracted a great deal of

attention and have resulted in the development of collaborative relationships with major business partners such as Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Hewlett Packard NZ, Xcerio, Adobe, Autodesk and Microsoft.

For two years in succession Avondale students have swamped all of the top positions in the New Zealand Microsoft competitions and have also secured world top ten rankings in the global championships for two years in succession. Our students are currently preparing for this year's Microsoft competition and expect to be highly competitive for the third year in succession.

With the assistance of Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Cyclone Computing we are currently commissioning a leading edge ICT network and data centre that will support the education of all of our students both within and beyond the school. In fact the network will be so powerful we will also be providing services to other schools in New Zealand who are eager to obtain access to our digital services and intellectual property.

Ministry of Education and NZQA staff are visiting the school frequently to analyse and understand our innovative approaches and to offer support to other schools in the New Zealand education sector based on our achievements. Our staff have also been giving presentations to these government ministries and will shortly be presenting at national and international conferences.

ALUMNI

In recent days we were delighted to note the call up of former student Jeet Raval to the New Zealand Black Caps cricket squad where he will be welcomed by another former famous ex-Avondale student, Martin Guptill. We wish them both all the very best in their already successful sporting careers.

AND FINALLY

With a new and demanding term now well underway it is important to emphasise that it is our expectation that all students should be receiving regular homework in all subjects. If any student suggests to family members that this is not the case, please contact the college. We are only too pleased to respond to any queries or concerns on any such matters. Regular, meaningful homework has a significant impact on the educational outcomes of all students and we place a high value on this for all our students.

We are enjoying the opportunity to work with you and your children to assist them to reach the highest possible levels of educational achievement. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist them and you in achieving that goal.

Kind regards,
Brent Lewis
Principal



Top results: Congratulations to these Year 13 Students who gained Level 2 NCEA Endorsed with Excellence and Cambridge AS Distinction

Level 1 Excellence: Edelweiss Abadi, Ghassan Al-A'raj, Dylan Bennett, Jordan Bolus, Alyssa Caballero, Taja Canlas, Zill Darij, Grace Davey, Eleanor Divers, Charlene D'Silva, Cullen Erson, Jacinta Faitotoa, Richard Fang, Molly Flynn, Madison Furmenger, Tia Graty, Annelies Hardiman, Venessa Ho, Patrick Hoey, Luseane Kauvaka, Ju-An Kim, Vera Kwon, Isabella Langlois, Matthew Lee, Jenny Ling, Casey Mansson, Cassandra McCabe-Tatupu, Sean Mullany, Estella Nelson, Georgia Parslow, Yati Patel, Khushmita Ram, Liam Robertson, Mariah Ropati, Mary Salvatierra, Roselle Samaratunga, Chloe Samaratunga, Chanel Samaratunga, Mika Seltner-Jones, Davershi Shah, Finn Stoneman, Dang Thien Tran, Dang Huu Duyen Trang, Neil Uy, Roy van Leeuwen, Anataia van Leeuwen, Hideo Wilkins, Nampich Xaysongkham, Ashley Xie, Lufei Yin, Jackie Young, Hui Min Zhong

Cambridge IGCSE Distinction: Lhee Sze (Lisa) Ang, Akash Ashok, Claudia Campbell, Vanshika Chinchalkar, Jasica Chiu, Bianca Craill, Raphael Cruz, Kevin Gao, Husna Harmi Izzuan, Anastasia Ivashkova, Victoria Ivashkova, Calvin Kart, Wasif Khan, Chang Sern Kim, Esther Kim, Vishnu Koilkandadai, Seung Hyun Lee, Shereen Lee, Tenzin Lhazey, Luda Lin, Akhilesh Madhur, Howard Mao, Shozib Mirza, Zak Mohammed, Deep Parmar, Bhavik Patel, Jay Patel, Kamya Patel, Roshan Patel, Andrea Rodriguez, Ariel Roesli, Jack Stoneman, Dacmen Vong, Nicole Wang, Wesley Welch, Bevan Xiao, Humphrey Yuan, Zahil Zainurin, Angela Zhong

Level 2 Excellence: Stephen Ali, Jessica Boey, Samantha Campbell, Sepora Cassidy, Tamahou Cassidy, Madeleine Crutchley, Laura Evans, Iris Guevarra, Laura Hall,

David Henry, Dilshani Hondamunige, Jean Hoover, Cindy Huang, Kaycee Intic, Joel Jackson, Sarah Kelsey, Melina Koch, Xavier Loretz, Ruiyan MA, Sofia Manai, Zed Masrsha, Adam May, Ambassador Mokoroa Kauwai, Jiwon Park, Sabehah Patel, Tanzeel Patel, Laura Prahash, Samantha Quach, Samantha Rae, Sachin Ramesh, Clarisse Salcedo, Clarisse Sinapilo, Teng Zhi Tang, Natasha van Etten, Georgia Vincent, Simo Zhan

Cambridge AS Distinction: Camille Balducci, Zhixin Cen, Miles Erwin-Atmore, Sarah Francis, Prerna Handa, Rokaya Islam, Bronwen Lamb, Jaynie Ng, Di Kun Ong, Shalom Pinto, Patricia Salcedo, Danny Song, Siwei Wang, You Wu, Lydia Zhang

Outstanding Academic Results

The receipt of very pleasing results for the 2015 academic year showed that Avondale College students are not only achieving well above national norms in NCEA but are also continuing to achieve international rankings in Cambridge International Examinations. For the fourth year in a row, Avondale College students came first in the world in individual Cambridge exams.

In NCEA, overall year-level achievements were up from 2014 results. Achievement of University Entrance was also up on the previous year's figures, and above the national figures for all ethnicities.

Avondale College students gained 46 Scholarships, the highest and most demanding national qualification (see more below). Two students gained first in the world results in their Cambridge International Examinations: Camille Balducci (1st in AS French) and Bronwen Lamb (1st in AS Geography).

Students whose efforts earned them NCEA Excellence and/or Cambridge Distinction awards in their 2015 academic year were presented with Avondale College academic badges at a special assembly on 22 March.

Scholarship “BEST OF THE BEST”

Avondale College students once again achieved excellent results in the 2015 NZQA Scholarship examinations, with a total of 46 Scholarships awarded, including five Outstanding Scholarships, and one Outstanding Scholar Award winner.

Regarded as the most prestigious secondary school award available in New Zealand, around 8000 students participated in the 2015 examinations, with only 2381 students nationwide being awarded one or more subject scholarships.

Of these, 28 Avondale College students received 46 scholarships across fifteen subjects; four gained Outstanding Scholarships (Jaclyn Chetty (two); Favor Nweke, Ka Ho Lam and Daniel Shorrock). Five students achieved scholarships in three or more subjects (Jaclyn Chetty, Alysha Johnson, Favor Nweke, Kartikey Vyas and

Johnny Zhang). Two students (Rokaya Islam and Di Kun Ong) received scholarships while still in Year 12, with Rokaya achieving in two subjects (Calculus and Statistics).

Jaclyn Chetty's excellent results across all her Scholarship examinations were recognised with her also winning an Outstanding Scholar Award.

Avondale's Scholarship award winners were recognised at a special assembly on Wednesday 17 February, where they were presented with the prestigious Avondale College Scholars badge.

"The students gaining New Zealand Scholarship are the best of the best," says NZQA Deputy Chief Executive, Kristine Kilkelly, "and their hard work throughout the school year is reflected in these results."

"Congratulations to all students on their achievements."





First in the World

When Camille Balducci texted her good friend Bronwen Lamb the astonishing news that she had come first in the world in one of her Cambridge exams, the reply came back with just one word: "Same!"

The two Avondale College students both achieved world bests in their 2015 AS Level Cambridge examinations (Camille in AS French and Bronwen in AS Geography), making it the fourth consecutive year that students from Avondale College have topped the world in the international exams.

"It was a very unexpected result," says Bronwen. "It was a really difficult exam – three hours long – and it took all of that time."

Bronwen's time in all her exams was obviously well spent – she achieved straight A grades in all five of her CIE subjects, including 90% in Psychology and 89% in History.

Camille was also very pleasantly surprised by her achievement.

"I wasn't expecting such a great result," she says. "French grammar trips everyone up... I was very, very happy!"

Camille's passion for languages is also evident in the excellent results she achieved in AS Spanish, a subject she is continuing at A2 level this year.

She is also learning Portugese for fun, thanks to a Christmas present of night classes in the language.

"I'd love to be a polyglot," she says.

Camille and Bronwen were each presented with an award recognising their achievement at a ceremony held by the Association of Cambridge Schools in New Zealand on Wednesday 24 February.

From Avondale to Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and more...

Avondale College graduates are gaining direct entry into some of the world's most prestigious universities, with some even winning full scholarships to do so.

Avondale College graduate Jaclyn Chetty has been awarded a full scholarship valued at over 250,000USD to study at Amherst College in Massachusetts, one of the top liberal arts colleges in the United States.

It will be the perfect setting for the 17 year old, who has shone throughout her five years of study at Avondale College. In her final Cambridge International Examinations, Jaclyn gained outstanding results, with A and A* grades in all her subjects. A talented writer, Jaclyn's work has been published in the Michael King Young Writer's Centre journal, *Signals*.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime," says Jaclyn.

Also on her way to the United States is former Avondale College student Ery Zhu, who has been awarded a

scholarship to Harvard University. An exceptional student, Ery topped New Zealand in AS Physics in 2014, and was Dux of Avondale College for CIE in 2015 – the same year that she represented New Zealand at the International Biology Olympiad in Denmark, where she was awarded a bronze medal.

Ethan Sorrell, who was New Zealand's Top Cambridge Scholar in 2014, is now studying at Cambridge University in England after being awarded the Sir Douglas Myers Scholarship (valued at \$100,000), enabling him to pursue his passion for the sciences at the prestigious university.

Also currently pursuing her studies in England is former student Alice Wang who is studying at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship after gaining her BA and LLB(Hons) degrees at Auckland University. Alice recently completed a MSc in Economics for Development at the University of Oxford and is now studying towards a Masters in Public Policy at Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government.



USA-BOUND: Avondale graduates Ery Zhu and Jaclyn Chetty will be studying at Harvard and Amherst universities later this year

SCHOLARSHIPS: HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Academic excellence brings more than its own reward for many Avondale College students who go on to receive financial payments towards their tertiary studies.

Students who achieve NZQA Scholarship are awarded financial payments ranging between \$500 to \$30,000 towards their tertiary study, depending on the level of achievement in the exams.

In addition, each year Avondale College offers a number of scholarships to students, in conjunction with tertiary partners.

"Avondale College students are incredibly fortunate in that they have the opportunity to win a number of scholarships to tertiary institutions in New Zealand," says Avondale College Careers Counsellor, Jo Thompson.

At last year's prizegiving, Avondale College students were awarded a whopping combined total of more than \$324,000 towards tertiary study.

Farewell to Mr Healey

After eight years as Deputy Principal at Avondale College, Mr CJ Healey is leaving to take up the position of Principal at Glenfield College.

Avondale farewelled Mr Healey at the final assembly of term, acknowledging the huge contribution he has made to our school during his time here. This has included overseeing portfolios of human resources, pastoral care and curriculum and assessment, as well as having responsibility for all of the sport at the school. He has been instrumental in the creation of academies in the performing arts and sport, in leading curriculum initiatives in NCEA and CIE, and also in the rebranding and teaching of the school's values.

In his final speech to the assembled students and staff, Mr Healey noted that while the college has been through an incredible amount of change in these eight years, what he found when he first arrived was "a fantastic school full of awesome kids and a dedicated, hardworking, talented staff... and in this regard nothing has changed."

We wish Mr Healey all the very best as he steps into the leadership role at his new school.



"Continue to be unreasonably aspirational; take advantage of what Mr Lewis and the school provide for you; be the very best you can be.... Collect the heartwood - Kohia Nga Taikaka."

- Mr CJ Healey



Meet our Prefects

Boys: Adam May, Arjuna De Simas-Oakes, Arthur Mandisodza, Ashton Matthee, Ashton Patiale, Aye Min Oo, Ben Laidlaw, Christian McMahon, Di Kun Ong, Ethan Manukuo, Glen Deo, Iliya Thompson, Jal Patel, Jasiah Shepherd-Niu, Kalen Weir, Krishan Kumar, Laurence Tolova'a, Levi Leathart, Azizul Islam, Nathan Ivory, Peneueta Brunt, Reuben Schmidt-Letele, Solomon Vasuvulagi, Tafari Lukupa, Tamahou Cassidy, You Wu, Zephyr Melchior Edgecombe

Girls: Anna Lines, Arantxa Zecchini Dowling, Bronwen Lamb, Brooklyn Mete, Cara Kis-Ing, Celyn Pauli, Danielle Noa, Delzea Tu'ua, Genevieve Tang, Georgia Vincent, Hongying Ren, Iris Guevarra, Jade Conlon, Jaynie Ng, Jessica Boey, Karin Yamasaki, Katalina-Rosa Filemoni, Laura Evans, Laura Hall, Louise Sime, Maddison Conlon, Natasha van Etten, Samantha Rae, Sarah Francis, Sarah Kelsey, Shalom Pinto, Phoebe Khounsamathong, Zhixin Cen

Head Prefects: Natasha van Etten, Sarah Kelsey, Danielle Noa, **Head Boy** Di Kun Ong, **Head Girl** Bronwen Lamb
Ben Laidlaw, Ethan Manukuo, Jal Patel

Collecting the Heartwood

STAFF HIGH ACHIEVERS

It's not just the students who are achieving great things at Avondale College! Congratulations to the following staff...

- **Ms Jacky Lee** has completed her Masters of Educational Leadership (First Class Honours) through the University of Auckland, studying part time while teaching.
- **Ms Mariska Visser** was part of the Piha Black Pearls team of seven who won the Open Women's Surf Boat Long Course competition at the 2016 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championship.
- **Mr Ben Moore** has completed a teaching resource for drama teachers that is now being used in classrooms across New Zealand.
- **Dr Jo Drayton's** book *The Search for Anne Perry* has been published in paperback form, with a New York Times bestseller disk on the front cover and a mention of Avondale College in the author bio on the back...
- **Ms Serie Barford's** latest collection of poetry and short stories was published in December. *Entangled Islands* reflects on the entangled history of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands and has received rave reviews for its "poignant, political, prodding poetry" (- Selina Tusitala Marsh, Booknotes Unbound).
- Gaining industry qualifications in Microsoft Office, Office Master and/or Adobe: **James Davis, Samantha Squire, Sarah Rodgers, Erica Newlands, Silvia Hermosillo Gutierrez, Zoe Beaucamp and Shareena Howley.** And the list grows weekly.
- **Ms Kaiya Lupi** has become a Licentiate of the New Zealand Association of Modern Dance after gaining Solo Seal diplomas in Hip Hop, Ballet and Jazz.

New students welcomed

Avondale College was delighted to welcome a cohort of around 500 new and international students to the College at the start of the year, with a special powhiri held in the theatre in the first week of term.

Once the official programme had concluded, students were further welcomed to the school with a number of fun events designed to introduce new students to Avondale College and all that is on offer here.

The Amazing Race saw more than 20 teams of Year 9 students race around the campus during lunchtime in the first week, solving clues as they familiarised themselves with the school. Year 13 Prefects created a Road Block that was as frustrating as it was hilarious!

The 'Join in at Avcol' event was also held at the beginning of the term. This expo style event showcased all the different groups, clubs and activities that students can get involved with at the college. With more than 60 different clubs and sports groups on offer, it was difficult for students to choose what NOT to sign up for!

Thanks to all the prefects, staff, and to Mrs Atkinson and the library crew who helped make these events such a success.



Prefects organised an 'Amazing Race' for incoming students in the first week of Term 1.

Early Childhood Centre



EXTENSION OPENS

Avondale College's youngest residents are the ones to benefit from the latest building project at the college, with the opening of a superb new extension at the college's Early Childhood Centre in April.

Designed by Jazmax and built by Pink Construction, the extension incorporates a brand new music room that opens into the outdoor play area, an upstairs literacy area for the over two year olds, complete with library, computer and cushions, and new carpet and floor coverings throughout.

It's an exciting development for the centre, which marked its twentieth anniversary in May.

The Avondale College Early Childhood Centre is a home away from home for just 33 lucky children – for more information, please contact centre manager Christine Gurusinghe: zguc@avcol.school.nz

PB4L

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Term 1 Avondale College's home room classes poured heart (!) and soul into creating displays that reflected themselves and the college's HEART values of honesty, endeavour, atawhai, respect and tenacity. Congratulations to year level winners: 9CPL, 10MAL, 11DKN, 12KHO, 13EKR, highly recommended 10DLA and overall winner 9CPL.



Polyfest

RESULTS

Tongan Group: 1st Mako (boys dance)
Samoan Group: 3rd overall, including: 3rd place for Celyn Pauli, Taupou (2nd entrance, 2nd exit, 3rd uniform, 2nd Ma'ulu'ulu, 3rd Sasa, 3rd Tauluga)
Niuean Group: 1st Prayer song, 2nd Lologo (traditional song)
KapaHaka: 3rd Kākahu Wahine
Chinese Group: 2nd in Asian Dance section on the Diversity Stage

Speeches
3rd Y9 Samoan: Stefaan Noa
2nd Y13 Samoan: Maia Tupai-Kenner
3rd Junior Niuean: Monet Ikinepule Etuata
2nd Senior Niuean: Tumai Tuhipa-Simelika

Hundreds of Avondale College students represented the College, themselves, and their cultures with pride at this year's Polyfest, held at the Manukau Sports Bowl on 16 - 19 March.

Our students joined more than 9000 others from a combined 64 Auckland schools at the popular annual event. All up, 228 cultural groups performing kapa haka and traditional dance performed during this year's Polyfest, with twelve of these groups coming from Avondale College.

Huge congratulations to all our students involved, and to the many tutors, parents and staff who gave up their time and expertise to ensure our groups were, quite simply, outstanding on the day.

For more photos visit www.avcol.school.nz/events

Talent Quest

The hotly contested final of the Avondale College Talent Quest was a superb event, showcasing an amazing array of talented students who sang, danced, played and performed to an appreciative crowd.

Winning the overall trophy on the night was Year 13 singer Sammie Campbell, whose rendition of *Les Miserables'* 'I had a Dream' left the audience – and judges Nainz Tupai, Kyle Te Whata and Keshia Paulse, wowed. Taking away the other top awards were Louis Jimenez for the Dance category and Kristin Paulse for vocals.

The night ended with the annual teachers versus prefects song/dance battle, which, as tradition demands, meant a highly entertaining end to a highly entertaining evening.



Sammie Campbell - winner of Talent Quest 2016

Amnesty

INTERNATIONAL

Our Amnesty International group welcomed Youth Coordinator Miriam Pierard and Avril Agus to Avondale College in Term 1. This enthusiastic and friendly pair gave an interesting and lively talk on current Amnesty issues, such as the practising of the death penalty in certain countries and the need for New Zealand to increase the quota of refugees allowed into our country each year.

We took advantage of their presence and asked them to judge our poster competition. They were really impressed with the high standard of entries, but managed after some deliberation to choose the winner, which was a stunning picture of hands holding candles.

Both Miriam and Avril expressed their gratitude to Avondale College students for their continuing enthusiasm and support of human rights issues.

All are welcome to attend the Amnesty International group's lunchtime meetings in A32 - Keep an eye on the yellow pages for meeting dates.

Library Book Club



MEANWHILE IN
A GALAXY FAR,
FAR AWAY...

It's true that reading can take you places you never dreamed of – and with this in mind, 'Science Fiction' was the perfect theme for the Book Club in the first term.

Classics such as H. G. Wells's *The Time Machine*; epic *Star Wars* titles; and recent best selling titles such as *The Martian* by Andy Weir were some of the many titles read by our enthusiastic readers.

To round off the term there was an exclusive lunch time event with warp speed book reviews, an out-of-this-world quiz and tasty treats; in keeping with the theme they were Mars Bars and Milky Way chocolates, of course!

Keep an eye on the daily notices to find out more about Library Book Club events!

Gateway

It has been a busy term for Gateway students, who have been experiencing a taste of their chosen careers, one day a week for six weeks.

The programme embraces a wide range of potential career options, with students having requested placements in policing, retail, building, nursing, banking, teaching and more.

Coordinating the students and the industry placements is Ms Melissa Lee, who stepped into the role of Gateway Coordinator midway through Term 1.

"It's a great programme," she says. "Gateway gives the students the experience they need to help them decide on a career path."

In addition to the work experience they gain, Ms Lee points out that students also benefit by earning NCEA credits.

Fully funded by TEC, placements have been found for 37 of the fifty students on the programme so far, with the remaining students to be placed in terms two and three.



Environmental Council



WORKING TOGETHER TO RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

What a start to the year! Our annual 'Join in at AVCOL' event attracted over 60 students who wanted to make a difference to the environment this year and they immediately embraced any challenges on offer.

First on the agenda was the issue of litter. Miss Kimi Webster, one of our new Maths teachers joined the team and worked with the students to produce a powerpoint on correct litter and recycling habits around school. This was shown in the Tuesday Home Room lesson as part of the 'Respect' HEART value, and was followed up with Council members manning bins during the lunch hour to encourage good recycling habits. There was a noticeable reduction in the amount of litter left around school and long may this continue!

More recently our three leaders, Sammie Rae, Bronwen Lamb and Jordan Robertson attended the annual 'Green Jam' event at Western Springs College with Mr Ross Stephens of the Science department, and came back enthused with ideas. Thanks to Mrs Nesa Selvarajah, another addition to the team from the Maths Department,

eight students had the opportunity to compete against other schools in the Orienteering Sustainability Challenge at Shakespear park. Another similar event will be on offer in Term 4 for both junior and senior students.

Two of our students, Clarissa Lal and Jordan Robertson, will be representing our school at Auckland Council's MAD Sustainability Hui at Piha over the Spring holiday. This is a good opportunity for students passionate about the environment to make a difference and meet with like-minded people from the Auckland area. It is the sister activity to the MAD marine Hui held in January. Both events have been attended by Avondale students for the past four years.

Weekend beach clean up and tree planting activities are on the horizon and no doubt, with what has to be the most enthusiastic team we have ever had, even more events will follow.

Mrs R Lamb
TIC Environmental Council

Travelwise

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE ON THE ROADS

Travelwise is an Auckland Council-sponsored initiative which allows students a voice in creating safer and more sustainable transport in our communities. In week 11 Ms Carr and three students, Belinda Petherick, May Asovale Tanuvasa and Tina Hoover, attended the Auckland Transport Secondary School Summit, an event designed to inspire and support student leaders.

This year the focus of the event moved away from sustainable transport and looked at road safety, as many high school students are working towards their learners and restricted drivers' licences.

Our students represented the college superbly and took away armfuls of resources and ideas for raising awareness of road safety among young drivers. They also created their own mock TV advertisement for road safety which will be screened in assembly at a later date.

TIC: Ms S Lane

CREATIVE CHALLENGE EMBRACED BY AVONDALE ARTISTS

Fashion Technology students Lucy Parkinson (9KET) and Emma Richards (9SYR) made up one team of Avondale's three to enter the wearable arts competition held at the Auckland Botanical Gardens as part of the 'Eye on Nature' family day held on Saturday 9 April.

Challenged to design and create innovative, original wearable art relating to New Zealand's waterways or the life forms within them, the girls designed a fantastical 'jellyfish' garment using a broken hoop, plastic bags, bubble wrap, old netting and CDs – the kind of waste that is all too often found clogging our waterways and oceans...

Joining Emma and Lucy on the day were Avondale's other entrants: designers Madison Furmenger, Venessa Ho, Alofa Tasi, Annaliese Hardeman and Shereen Lee (with model Rita Zhang) and designer Mariah Hardeman whose garment was modelled by Melanie Nicoll.

Soft materials teacher Mrs Shannon Freestone was delighted by the creativity and commitment shown by the girls involved.

"They all did incredibly well," she said. "Their outfits looked amazing, they strutted their stuff on the catwalk and they came away with enthusiasm and ideas for next year."

"It was a nice way to help the environment while doing something creative at the same time."

- Emma Richards 9SYR

DEPARTMENTS

Art History

ART COMES TO LIFE

With the reintroduction of Year 13 Art History this year, students have been immersing themselves in the artwork of the Italian Renaissance – even going so far as to recreate some famous paintings, cherubs and all.

Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper*, and Botticelli's *Primavera* are two famous pieces that students have been exploring, both chosen as they deal with an array of figures, and have quite complicated compositions. Students were given the task of situating themselves in the correct place and pose, and had to carefully consider the expression and movement of the figure they were portraying.

Teacher Miss Naomi Thomas is a passionate advocate of the value of studying Art History, particularly as analysing and understanding the impact visual images have is such a huge part of living in the 21st century. "We are continuously bombarded with visual stimuli," she says. "Art history teaches the skills to decode what we see."



FRAMED: Botticelli's Primavera - and (above) Avondale's reenactment

Commerce

MARKET DAY

The entrepreneurial skills of our Year 11 Business students were tested on Tuesday 5 April, with a market day held at lunchtime in D Block.

The day was the culmination of weeks of preparation, with groups of four to seven students having to devise a business idea, prepare a business plan, create some delicious products and then finally sell them to the students at Avondale College.

It was a hugely successful day, with all businesses doing well - some even selling out within minutes.



Drama students Xavier Loretz, Sammie Rae, Jiwoo Oh, Jahaan Nordien, Sammie Campbell and Arjuna De Simas-Oakes are off to the national final

Drama

STUDENTS WIN SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

Transporting a scene from Shakespeare's 'Merchant of Venice' to a modern reality television show proved to be a winning idea for a group of Avondale drama students who are now on their way to the national finals of the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare competition in Wellington in June.

The group of six (pictured above): Xavier Loretz, Sammie Rae, Jiwoo Oh, Jahaan Nordien, Sammie Campbell and Arjuna De Simas-Oakes won the Auckland competition in April, with teacher Mr Ben Moore's re-write of the famous 'casket' scene for the 15 minute teacher-led section of the competition. In this scene Portia's suitors are presented with three caskets, and asked to choose one – if he chooses the one with her portrait inside, he will win her hand in marriage.

It's a scene well-suited to a 'Bachelor'-style treatment, and the drama students thoroughly enjoyed hamming it up, complete with suitably dramatic (and cheesy) music played live by Arjuna.

In the process the students gained a new appreciation for the 400 year old play. "The scene was confusing at first," said Xavier, "but modernising the setting helped to open up the language. You realise that Shakespeare means so much more than what you see on the surface."

English

READING, WRITING AND... GROUNDINGS

A long first term has seen English classrooms alive with a variety of studies and activities. There has been a strong focus on wide reading (students of English always have homework: to read!) and on accuracy of writing, which is still important today even though we have word processing software to aid us. The term ended with many year levels presenting speeches, and the Atrium has been abuzz with juniors and seniors alike practising and filming their oral presentations. The enthusiasm and commitment that students have shown towards these assessments has been wonderful.

One highlight for Cambridge students was the opportunity to see a performance of 'Twelfth Night' at the Pop Up Globe in the city. For many, this was their first live performance of Shakespeare, and they got to experience it in a very authentic Elizabethan setting. The weather was atrocious in the morning, but luckily the skies cleared in time for the performance, which was in the open, as was traditional in 1600. The students had expected to be standing for the full two hours in the "groundlings" area, but were lucky enough to have seats for the performance. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and got a taste of live Shakespearean theatre in a traditional setting.

Ms Sharon Cope
Director of English

Health & Physical Education

It has been all go in the PE department! The year started with a new unit for Year 9s and 10s based on the HEART values. The students participated in a variety of games and activities that gave them all opportunities to learn and demonstrate the values. It was hugely successful and the students developed key interpersonal skills and confidence to help them get the most of Physical Education this year.

The entire Year 13 PE cohort went on a tramp around Bethel's Lake, followed by swimming and dune activities. This was based around a Safety in the Outdoors achievement standard and a fun day was had by all.

Moving forward into Terms 2 and 3, we will be engaging with our local schools to run programmes in alignment with our senior courses. As well as this, the Year 12 Health class are looking at implementing some health promotion initiatives within the school which will improve well-being for students.

Ms Emma Joynes
Director of Health & Physical Education



INNOVATION programme

Students involved in Avondale College's Innovation Programme have continued to break new ground this year, developing exciting new projects and accumulating an impressive number of industry qualifications along the way.

Many hundreds of students in the ICT classes have competed in Avondale College's three-round Microsoft Office Specialist competition. With the added incentive of gaining a place in the Microsoft national finals in July, competition has been fierce. Avondale's track record is impressive in this competition, and this year's cohort of students are eager to attempt to not only represent New Zealand at the world champs, but to better the results gained by their fellow students in previous years... (The Avondale tally so far stands at six top-ten placings from two world championships!)

ADOBE CERTIFICATIONS

As part of the Innovation Programme and newly formed strategic partnership with Adobe, students in both the "i-Pioneer" (mornings, Saturdays, holidays) and timetabled TDA classes are now working on digital design projects that raise awareness of societal issues.

These projects have multiple benefits for our students who are gaining an edge that will help them stand out and be noticed in today's highly competitive job markets. Not only are they learning curriculum through a unique methodology with 24/7 access to leading edge resources, but they are also gaining experience using an entire suite of industry standard Adobe tools.

Students have also been working towards their Adobe certifications, with Alyssa Caballero, Di Kun Ong, Nayan Sharma, Kirat Singh, Jaynie Ng and Aidan Sharpe being the very first Avondale students to become Adobe Certified Associates. Congratulations to them!

HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE "ACCELERATE" CHALLENGE

The HPE "Accelerate" Challenge is an exciting new initiative put forward by our strategic partners, Hewlett Packard Enterprise. In teams of three or four, students will be competing to resolve an organisation problem for which they have to develop a technological solution. As the culmination of a four to five month project, they will present their solution to an industry panel at a special evening event in Term 3. Along the way students will be learning ground-breaking strategic, digital and technology content through Hewlett Packard Enterprise's IT and Business qualification, which is a highly sought-after credential. The prizes and opportunities stemming from the initiative are unprecedented and equally exciting.

All involved in the Innovation Programme are greatly looking forward to reporting on progress made in the months ahead!

International

International students had the opportunity to soak up some special sights and experiences on an action-packed trip to the Bay of Islands in April.

With an itinerary that included Action World, an overnight cruise, fishing, kayaking, snorkeling and swimming in the beautiful Bay of Islands, and visits to the historic towns of Paihia and Russell, students really got a taste of this beautiful part of New Zealand.

For many the highlight was night kayaking amidst phosphorescent algae which lit up the paddles as they were dipped in the water... an experience that they will never forget!



Mathematics & Statistics

BUSY CLASSROOMS & COMPETITIONS

Students of mathematics have had a busy start to the year, with Junior classes encountering a variety of mathematical topics, including measurement, probability and number. Senior students have been discovering the many practical applications of algebra and undertaking statistical investigations covering a wide range of material.

For Director Dr Terry Brown, the highlight of the term has been seeing so many students turn up to the maths tutorials in D23 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. "It is great to see so many pupils getting extra help with homework and being proactive in trying to improve their maths skills," he says.

Coming up, the department is looking forward to a variety of maths competitions, which kick off in Term 2. These include the Otago Mathematics Competition, the Australian Maths Competition, Mathex and bridge-building.

MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST COMPETITION RANKINGS TO DATE:

Microsoft Word:

Ed Allison (Year 9), Brian Kumar, Deon Sabu, Azizul Islam and Rita Zhong lead 29 students, with perfect scores (1000/1000) and record times. However, hot on their heels is a strong group of students with scores over 900.

Microsoft Excel:

Di Kun Ong and Azizul Islam have both gained 1000. Close behind them are 17 students with scores ranging through to the high 900's.

Microsoft PowerPoint:

Ed Allison (Year 9) also tops the PowerPoint category, leading Nathan Lee, Aidan Sharpe and Deon Sabu on 1000. 39 students are in hot pursuit with impressive scores above 950.



Outdoor Education

CHALLENGE & ADVENTURE

An action packed programme has seen the Year 11 and 12 OED programmes start with a bang this year. Both classes attended an overnight leadership camp at Waipu where the Year 12s led activities for the Year 11s. They overcame fears while caving and abseiling, had a taster of rock climbing outdoors and were put to a serious test with the Navy Seals Challenge.

Some students travelled to Port Waikato and experienced caving at another level, which included a 15m belly crawl. The Year 11 students have also been doing raft building, kayaking and mountain biking in the mornings.

Year 12 students also ran an activity programme around the school for some lucky Year 10 students, including Frisbee golf, capture the flag, wall to wall, rock climbing and orienteering!

So much is happening we can't wait for next term.



Music

COMPETITION SUCCESS

Music students have had a lively start to the year, rehearsing and performing at a number of events both in and out of the college. This year Avondale's groups include the Big Band, Strings Group, Orchestra, Choir, Soul Band and two jazz combos: 'Dale JC' and 'Poss and the Possibilities'.

The two combos and the Big Band played at the Tauranga Jazz festival over Easter, with both jazz combos picking up silver awards, and drummer Josh Parker winning the 'Best Composition' award for his piece titled "Arjuna's Hat"!

Students have also enjoyed playing to the crowds at the Tauranga Farmers' Market, Kauri Karnival, the Titirangi Music Festival and the Waterview Connection fun run event.



Josh Parker winner of the 'Best Composition' award



Avondale students performing at the Titirangi Music Festival

Performing Arts Academy



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...

The old adage that practice makes perfect is something our very talented students in the Avondale College Performing Arts Academy are proving every day.

With before-school classes running five mornings a fortnight, junior students in the dance, drama, and music (classical and jazz) streams are soaking up the opportunity to hone their skills.

The classes are working towards a variety of performance opportunities as well as external qualifications.

We look forward to seeing their progress at various College events as the year unfolds.

Science

STUDENTSEXPLORE CITY VOLCANOES

Four classes of Year 12 Science students hit the slopes of Mt Mangere on Friday 4 March, as part of their Level 2 Earth Space Science topic.

From the top of the mountain, students were able to gather panoramic views of some of Auckland's (nearly 50!) volcanoes, as well as photograph volcanic rock samples at the site. The Auckland Domain was also part of the day's trip, as another excellent example of volcanic activity in our region.





Sports Academy

The Avondale College Sports Academy has had a great start to the year. After some tough trials last year the coaches selected 82 very talented students across the six different codes.

The students worked hard during the training sessions, impressing the coaches with their enthusiasm, commitment and ability. We have had some extremely good results from some students during the fitness tests, showing the effort put in by these students. All the coaches are excited to continue working with the athletes next term, especially with the start of the winter sports.

Mr J Le Roux – TIC Sports Academy

SPORTS ACADEMY COACHES:

Basketball – Mr Doe Williams; Cricket – Mr Nazeem Smith;
Football – Mr Neil Sykes; Hockey – Mr Jaco le Roux;
Netball – Ms Myra Marsters; Rugby – Mr Gordon Pope

Technology

Technology is an exciting area to visit these days with the addition of some very talented teachers and exciting opportunities for students to engage with new technologies in innovative ways.

The Year 9 and 10 courses are giving students real world learning and preparing them for further technological and digital developments in 2017. Our Year 9 students are using digital electronic systems, embedded systems, interfacing of components and hardware programming, followed up with 3D printing and/or laser cutting of their prototypes using CAD and design programs.

Year 10 has also experienced electronics and the opportunity to be innovative with their amplifier projects.

These courses have been supported with the introduction of the Innovative Modellers Club run by Mr Sayers each Thursday after school. This activity introduces students to radio controlled circuitry, robotics and 3D printing. The students also get to learn various CAD systems that will eventually support their future learning. The Vex Robotic group will be starting in Term 2, where students will learn about sensors and how to interface them, to get the required responses to compete in games against other schools nationally. Internationally if they win.

The senior level courses continue to prepare students for further study of Engineering, as well as trade careers. Students in the Carpentry courses are producing projects that support the theory behind the subject and in the Mechanical Engineering courses, students are putting innovation to work to support their learning.

At Level 3, Mechanical Engineering students are studying rocket aerodynamics, a growth industry in New Zealand. They are working to produce a rocket prototype for trials.

A real highlight this term was the awarding of Scholarships in Design and Visual Communication to Daniel Shorrock and Harry Casey; their hard work and success have set future goals for all our Design and Visual Communication students to try and meet. Term 1 has been exciting, not just for the implementation of the new courses at Years 9 and 10, but also for the opportunity to welcome new teachers Miss Alai and Mr Sayers, who bring fresh learning experiences into the classroom.



Taurewa

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

We had the privilege of taking a group of students down to Taurewa for a week of challenge and adventure. Our kids were fantastic. On a camp which had some unpredictable outcomes, they rolled with the changes, demonstrating endeavour and tenacity, supporting each other and the adults they were working with to the best of their ability, showing the Avondale HEART values in the best way possible.

While all the students had personal highlights of their time at camp (overnights on the river; capsizing while white water rafting – intentionally - late night stream walks; caving...) my personal highlight was a moment on Wednesday night. All 40 students met together on the Waipakahi River, sat around a campfire, singing songs (in a competitive fashion, of course), eating marshmallows and chilling out. It was the most clichéd picture of a camp, but it was as fantastic as we would all hope it could be. Taurewa is amazing, and so worth going.

Ms S Lane

SPORT

View from the Director

As the busy first term of 2016 draws to a close, our summer and winter sports are vying for prominence in what is a very energetic time of the year for our sporting students!

Our athletes were in action from the very start of term and a large group went to the Western Zone championships and had a very successful time. Dylan Jenkinson was our most successful athlete, winning the three middle distance races in his age group to qualify for the 800 metres in the Greater Auckland champs. We saw success across all year levels of the school, with one group of junior girls showing real potential in the sprinting events. Lyla Aii, Faith Faumui and Renee Fowler all qualified for the final of the 100 metres at Mount Smart. Lyla went on to make the final of the 100 at the Greater Auckland Championships, as well as showing real promise in the longer 200m sprint and the long jump. Renee was in the top five of high jumpers throughout Auckland, so there will be much more to come from this group. Our Senior girls also performed really well across the track and field events, with strong performances from Delzea Tu'ua, Nina Tollemache and Madison Conlon, which helped them to win the team event for Senior Girls at Western Zone

Our swimmers took a good sized team into the zone competition where they achieved nine first place finishes across all events. At the Champion of Champions meet Ikko Shibuya and Gabrielle Fa'umausili gained three first places and two other podium places to cement their places amongst the

very top swimmers in Auckland and New Zealand

The quality of these two swimmers was highlighted when both Ikko and Gabrielle went to the Open National Championships at the Millennium Sports Centre to compete against the very best national swimmers. Ikko achieved personal bests in all three of his individual swims and won a gold in the Open A 4x200m Freestyle relay and a silver in the 4x100m Regional relay. Gabrielle confirmed her place among the very elite performers of any age in this country by securing three gold medals in the Open 50m Backstroke and the Open 50m Freestyle (achieving New Zealand age group records in both of these) as well as a gold in the 100m Backstroke.

This term we saw, for the first time, an Avondale baseball team taking the place of a receding Auckland softball league. Their attendance at the national tournament considerably advanced the team's learning about what is required to play at this level. The raft of positive comments from opposition players and coaches alike related to how far the team had come in such a short time. This was testament to Mr Shao's enthusiasm and the leadership of some talented senior students, led by our New Zealand representative, Jasiah Shepherd-Niu.

With our tennis courts up and running for the first time in many years, our senior boys won their Senior grade in an undefeated season. Led by Mr Vetelino, the team won a final match 8-1 against a Kings team to

complete a perfect season and setting the platform for tennis to continue to improve. The upgrading of the courts currently taking place should add extra impetus to the tennis fraternity for the rest of the year. The senior girls, led by Ms Birkhead, also did well in their grade - winning a play off final game to finish third overall.

Both our senior touch teams had solid seasons, with a more consistent group going well in the Western zone. They just missed out on the top two placings required to compete at the Greater Auckland Championships. Similarly in volleyball, despite losing a complete group of starting players half way through the term, the boys continued to prosper under the guidance of our coach, ex-student Logan Delamare and Mr Cooper. The girls performed well in the zone competition but just failed to take that improvement into the Auckland championships.

Auckland champions emerged from the kilikiti competition, where the girls managed to regain the Auckland title from a competitive field, with the boys (who were also competing in the A grade) finishing a very creditable third.

We have already seen our basketball and netball teams competing in pre-season tournaments as we write, and the cross over between winter and summer can be clearly seen just by looking out onto the fields before and after school on any day. Bring it on...

Mr C Jones
Director of Sport



Athletics





Badminton

Dacmen and Daxxon Vong have achieved significant national results in the sport of badminton over the past three years, and this year is proving to be no exception, with the brothers competing strongly at the New Zealand Badminton Open held at the North Shore Events Centre from 22-27 March.

Daxxon (2014 Under-19 Triple National Badminton Champion and Runner Up at the Young Sports Person of the Year Awards 2015) and Dacmen (2014 Under-15 National Doubles Champion) both qualified in the singles category for their first international event in Open Category.

In the first round match, Daxxon lost 9-21 and 9-21 to Yu Jen Chi of the Chinese Taipei. The second game saw a lot of good rallies from Daxxon, however, his opponent was

too strong to maintain the difference in points. Dacmen had an uphill task facing the 15th seed in his first round match. Dacmen lost 5-21 and 4-21 to Kazumasa Sakai of Japan. Overall in the men's singles category, only four New Zealand players went through to the second round of the Open.

The success of the Vong brothers, on both national and international circuits, has seen an exponential increase in the number of registrations for badminton at Avondale College. Nearly 150 students (85 girls and 65 boys) attended the trials for badminton in Term 1, and we are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting year in the sport: locally, nationally and internationally.

Linda Jin (Manager) & Sandeep Patil (Coach)

Cricket

The 2nd XI cricket team had a great season, winning four out of their six matches so far. During the pool round they manage to win four out of five games, finishing on top of their pool in the Senior A competition. The team worked really well together and showed great sportsmanship during the season. There were some excellent individual performances but the stand out player was Elyaas Sayed Akbar. Elyaas scored a total of 245 runs in five matches with a batting average of 61. The highlight was during the last game against a team from St Peter's College when Elyaas managed to score his first century (103) for Avondale College. Hopefully the team can continue their good form during the second part of the season.

TIC Mr J le Roux



Kayaking

Following great performances at the national Sprink Kayaking trials held in March, Samalulu Clifton has now been selected for the New Zealand Under 18 Kayaking team for the world championships in Belarus in July.

It's an exciting selection for the Year 13 student who picked up three medals at the Canoe Racing New Zealand Sprint Kayak Nationals, held at Lake Karapiro in February. More medals followed in March, at the New Zealand Surf Life Saving National Championships, where Samalulu won two team medals.

She now has her sites firmly set on the world champs, and is fundraising to help get there... We wish her well!



Swimming

Two Avondale College students competed in the New Zealand Open meet in March. This meet is the pinnacle of the national swimming calendar, and just qualifying is an achievement for younger swimmers who are competing against current Olympians and those trialling to make the extremely tough qualifying times.

NZ Swimming Open Championship 28 March - 1st April 2016

Gabrielle Fa'amausili Yr 12 :

Open Gold in 50 Back and a NZ Age Group record (16yrs)

Open Gold in 50 Free and a NZ Age Group record (16yrs)

Open Gold in 100 Back.

Ikko Shibuya Yr 10 (14 yrs):

Competed in 50 free, 50 fly and the 100 Free, achieving Personal best times in all 3.

Open Gold in 4 x 200m Freestyle regional relay

Open silver in 4x100 Freestyle regional relay

Basketball

The boys basketball programme welcomed back coach Doe Williams this year, and alongside assistant Stewart Whiting, a solid foundation is being laid that bodes extremely well for the future of basketball at Avondale College.

Over the past two seasons the junior programme has been very successful, and with coach Doe's knowledge and experience, together with Mr Whiting's emphasis on player development, this success should flow on to the senior programme.

Already this year the junior and senior teams have competed in tournaments in Hamilton and Rotorua where the systems implemented have been fine-tuned. The tournaments also highlighted the sense of brotherhood building amongst the whole extended squad, based on the fostering of the HEART values.

The student athletes are being encouraged to make links between the processes taught in the basketball programme and processes within the classroom, to assist with the holistic learning of the boys.

We would like to thank Mr Richard Anderson, Mr Tony Hill and Miss Katie Godber for assisting with trips, and particular thanks to the parents for the wonderful support we have had already this year.

We look forward to personal and collective success of our young athletes both on and off the court.

Equestrian

Kelsey Graham and Sophie Mitchell competed in the secondary schools horse trials event at Silverdale Pony Club in April. Both girls did tremendously well over what was a very long day (and a very high level of competition).

Sophie, riding Summer, did a lovely dressage test. Kelsey, riding Stella-Rose, had an outstanding cross country run and a clear round in the show jumping. The girls and their horses represented the school with great pride.



Kilikiti

The Auckland Domain was filled with the joyful sounds of Samoan cricket in March as the annual schools' Kilikiti tournament was played out with much enthusiasm and team spirit. Avondale fielded three teams, with our girls taking the top honours, beating all other schools to come out in first place in the girls' competition. Our Senior Boys A team came second, narrowly missing out on the top spot, and our Senior Boys B team came 6th.

Tennis

Congratulations to the Boys' Senior B Tennis team who were unbeaten throughout the entire season and went on to beat King's College in the finals.

Boys from left: Nick Mrachingo-Miller, David Henry, Laupepa Jeremia, Jonah Katzen, Leo Cekus and Akash Ashok



Upcoming Events

JUNE

14 NCEA Information Evening
15 Big Sing choir competition
18 School Ball

JULY

6-7 13 Geo trip to Rotorua
8 End of Term 2
25 Beginning of Term 3
27 Pathways Planning event
28 Year 13 Drama 6pm Drama Suite

AUGUST

3 Open Evening 4-7pm
11 Year 12 Drama performance 6pm
12-19 Senior Exams
15-21 KBB Music Festival

SEPTEMBER

12-16 School Show: Hairspray
21-23 Year 10 Business Challenge
23 End of Term 3

OCTOBER

10 Beginning of Term 4
10 CIE Exams start (finish 19 Nov)
13 Media Studies Film Night 6pm
24 Labour Day (holiday)
26-27 Dance Showcase 7pm Theatre

NOVEMBER

1 Senior Prizegiving
9 NCEA Exams start (finish 2 Dec)
16-17 Performing Arts Academy performances 6pm

DECEMBER

8 Junior Prizegiving and end of term.



Careers

Parents, please remember we always welcome enquires from you regarding your child's future direction.

Careers Counsellors can be contacted on the following numbers:

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

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. The interviews have all ready started. Other appointments can be made at the Careers room or by contacting us on the above numbers.

IMPORTANT DIARY NOTE!

Pathways Planning Evening

Wednesday 27th July 2016

3.30pm – 6.30pm

Avondale College Theatre

Following on from our Term 1 Pacific Islands and Maori Tertiary Career Evenings we have our school's annual career expo. This is an opportunity for parents and Year 9 to 12 students to get assistance with subject choices for 2015. Liaison staff from tertiary institutions and ITO's will be present to ensure students select the right subjects for preferred tertiary courses. Year 12 and 13 students moving on to tertiary study next year will also be able to get course information to assist them in their decision making.

Ms J Birkhead
Director of Careers

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