



## WELLESLEY COLLEGE: Principal's End of Term 3 Email

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Dear All, Kia Ora Tatōu,

As Term 3 ends, we look back and can be proud of what we are as a school. We have seen the celebration of all on offer at Wellesley with a focus on the arts, success at winter sports, environmental programmes, language weeks, insights on boys in this day and age, well-being and service - all while maintaining academic progress in the classroom.

Below is just a snapshot of some highlights, look out for the Principal's Pen in the holidays, which will have a full overview of Term 3.

### **Risk taking in learning**

Thank you to all that attended the **ART**Bourne Artist in Residence and Student 'Create for a Cause' exhibition on Tuesday this week. It was an honour having our 2019 artist in residence, Natchez Hudson, work his magic with our boys in tow preparing for the exhibition. Seeing an artist of his calibre, who can sit beside the boys, talk, create and show the pathway of an artist, is inspiring. Programmes like these offer our boys access to their creative side and give opportunities to risk take in their learning. To then see our families come together to support and celebrate what each boy achieved, is something we cherish. Proceeds from the evening went to raising awareness of mental health and more information can be found [here](#).

A real highlight for me this term was the Art and Dance Splash evenings. Seeing an 'all-boys dance troop' among other predominantly girl groups, made me proud. The boys absolutely loved performing on stage and relished the time working across the year groups, showing camaraderie and demonstrating utmost respect to each other in the risk taking that was going on for some - who were a little out of their comfort zone. Well done boys.

### **Striving to be good**

We have continued our focus on well-being and teaching resilience. We constantly find ways to remind the boys to always strive to be good people, and keep good mental health at the forefront. Having renowned psychologist, Kathryn Berkett, present to our parents last term, we followed up

with Richie Hardcore, an ambassador for White Ribbon, kickboxer, and all-round nice guy speak to both our boys and parents this term. Richie spoke about what it means to be a boy living in today's world - and the responsibility that comes with that. At Wellesley, we see it as an important part of our duty to share valuable insights with you, because we are in this together - raising wonderful young men.

### **Respect & empathy at Wellesley**

Another favourite moment of the term has to be Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Having our extended family join us on what was a beautiful Spring day in the Bay was a heart-warming way to end the term. We want our boys to understand the value of 'family' in the broadest sense, and to show respect to those around them. The boys love to show our guests around and share what they do at Wellesley. Thank you to all who attended, helped, organised or just added to our special day.

### **Term 4**

I look forward to catching up with you at our WCPA and Board of Trustee Parent Drinks in the City on October 23rd, a chance to relax and chat. Until then, I wish you all a safe and happy Spring break and the staff and I will be refreshed and ready to continue giving your boys every opportunity - academically, physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually - to discover their personal passions and strengths and discover their best.

As always, if you wish to chat with me at any time, just email or call me.

And don't forget to check our new [Wellesley website](#) for information and news and of course our vibrant [Facebook](#) to keep up to date with our events and what happens on the beautiful Wellesley campus set between the bush and the sea.

Kind regards

**Brendan Pitman**

*Principal*