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Open Night

Wednesday 27 July. 6.45pm



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Bayfield
HIGH SCHOOL

Principal

One of the big questions facing families with primary or intermediate age youngsters, "Which secondary school should we choose?" It is a big decision and there are many factors to consider. Welcome to our latest edition of the Bayleaf, where you will read a little about what has been happening this winter term and what we believe makes our school a particularly good choice.

The first thing that stands out for me is that we are the perfect size – big enough to offer a full range of senior subjects and other opportunities to cater for the needs of all students, while still being small enough that each and every student is known, each and every student matters, and each and every student is given the opportunities and support they need to develop into the finest young woman or man they can be.

We are proud to be coeducational, and believe that this gives our students some real advantages. There is much said about boys and girls needing different teaching approaches, but we would suggest that there are well and truly more than just two different teaching approaches needed to meet the variety of learning needs that students bring. Each student deserves to be treated as an individual, and to have professional teachers who will consider their needs as an individual, rather than purely on the basis of their gender. At our school, boys and girls learn to cooperate in the classroom, in sporting arenas and in cultural settings, such as in debating and our School Show. Both girls and boys thrive academically and socially, not just at school, but beyond it. Research shows that students from coeducational schools adapt more quickly and successfully to the expectations of tertiary education. They have a head start in preparation for the reality of the adult world, and employers and tertiary educators tell us that Bayfield High School students come to them with good initiative, excellent work habits and mature social skills, including the ability to relate sensibly to other young adults of both genders.

Our students achieve excellent academic results. This is more than just our "brightest and smartest" doing well, although that is certainly true. We also motivate and encourage our "middle of the road" students to stretch themselves and we strive to ensure that ALL our students learn the skills to succeed to the very best of their abilities. It's about our highly skilled, committed teachers working alongside our students in small classes so that each student gets plenty of attention and help. It's about making school engaging and interesting so that every student is

motivated and wants to do well, and is interested in learning well beyond their school years. That means that it is more important that students learn how to think and how to learn, rather than just what to think.

We focus on values. Our RISE values of Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence are actively modelled and taught, underpinning everything we do. These are values that we want our students to learn to live by. My goal is that these values are exemplified in everything we do as a school, from our settled and well managed classrooms to students doing the right thing around the school, and from all the ways that members of our school community interact with each other to the excellence which is encouraged and celebrated in all aspects of school life.

We are proud of our vast range of extracurricular activities – the traditional sports, the usual cultural events, our school exchanges, competitions, but also sailing, waterpolo, archery, surfing, curling, ice hockey and smallbore rifle shooting. Our renowned School Show, with its emphasis on students being involved in all aspects of production, enables students to learn a wide range of skills from lighting and set design to dance, make-up and voice production. We have debating, an environmental group, Kapa Haka and so much more!

We warmly invite you to come to our Open Night on Wednesday 27 July, to meet our present students and our highly professional and approachable staff. You will feel welcome, and I believe you will be impressed when you see for yourself why Bayfield High School is the natural choice for you and your family in 2017.



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**Cover Photo: Classical Quadrant,
finalists in the Otago Chamber Music Competition**

Calendar

25 July
Term 3 begins

27 July
Open Night

15 - 19 August
Peninsula Art Exhibition

22 August - 2 September
Senior Exams

29 August - 2 September
Winter Tournament

20 September
Parent Interviews

23 September
End of Term 3

The New Masters

Community art connection



**Sam Haig, Year 11
New Masters student**

Bayfield is known for the quality of its artists, and as a school whose students actively participate in their community. The New Masters are a group of senior Painting and Photography students who have been chosen in order to extend their art skills outside of the classroom.

These talented students have donated their time by helping to decorate the outside of Lilliput Libraries - mini community atheneums - with artwork to be placed around Dunedin. Several are being painted on the theme of New Zealand flora and fauna, and the students are stepping up to the challenge!

The New Masters became involved when Sophia Darling, our Painting teacher, volunteered her time and talent to painting a Lilliput Library herself earlier in the year. She quickly realized what a

great extension opportunity this would be for the New Masters to create their own permanent art in the community.

Lilliput Libraries is a project that places mini libraries around the neighbourhoods of Dunedin. The little libraries are filled with books, and people who pass by are encouraged to take a book that interests them and give a book back to the library later. They are dotted around the community, and for a full list, visit Lilliput Libraries' website.

Each library is painted by a Dunedin artist and is worth visiting for the artwork alone. The Bayfield community is keenly anticipating seeing the work of our talented young artists go up around town.

<https://lilliputlibraries.wordpress.com/>

Fashion Design

Learning with industry professionals

For the first time this year, a Work Experience pilot scheme was trialled in the Textiles Design class. Students interested in a career in Fashion Design and Creative Arts were given the opportunity to participate in a programme with Richie Boyens, founder of fashion label 'Clothes I've Made'. Every Wednesday afternoon they spent time with Richie developing their own fashion label, experimenting with materials and techniques and directing a photo shoot of their final product.

The students who participated in this programme found that being able to talk with a mentor from the industry (whose sole focus was on them) and developing their own skills in this area was an eye-opening and valuable opportunity. They saw for themselves how trial and error led them to breakthrough moments and, eventually, success. It was a great experience about how the process is far more important than the end result.

All of the students were particularly grateful to both Richie for taking time

out of his busy schedule, and to the teachers at Bayfield.

Jesse Haldane had this to say about his experience "making clothing is something I've wanted to do for the past year or two. I like the thought of someone wearing what you have made, or even wearing it yourself, and feeling proud of what you have accomplished. Working with Richie really helped bring a whole new world of ideas to mind. He showed us different techniques for making clothing and how to dye and bleach fabrics. I felt very lucky to be working with Richie and to have teachers who are supportive in what we do."

'It doesn't matter who's watching, understanding fashion happens when you begin to feel it.'

Founding students of
fashion label
'Who's watching'

**Amberley Tocher modelling
'Team Label'**



Staff Diary

New teachers for 2016: Update

At the beginning of Term 2 we welcomed Viv and Russell Smith to our staff. Viv is teaching English classes and Russell is working in our Mathematics Department.

Viv and Russell met while both teaching at Kaikorai Valley High School over 30 years ago. They married and moved north in 1988, with the intention of tidying up the family farm near Whangarei before returning to Dunedin. Instead, they ended up teaching in Whangarei for the next 27 years, and running their small beef farm. Their two children were born there - Emma is now a lawyer and their son, Ben (who is not the All Black – though he is a good sportsman) is a fourth-year medical student.

Russell taught Maths and Latin at Whangarei Boys High School, where he had been Head Boy many years earlier, while Viv was HOD English there. Viv was also heavily involved in Debating while Russell continued to coach the Cricket 1st XI. Whangarei Boys High School won the national cricket title (Gillette Cup) in 1994, and also qualified for the Top Six Finals Tournaments on three other occasions.

Viv and Russell are now enjoying being back in Dunedin, though the tramping and running pastimes of their earlier days have become more leisurely walks. In their spare time they enjoy catching up with old friends, watching sport, par-



ticularly rugby, cricket and hockey, and seeking out the odd concert, play or movie.

They have been appreciating the cheerful friendliness of Bayfield students and thoroughly enjoyed 'Footloose.' Also, having been in Ngapuhi territory until now, they watched the Haka inter-house competition closely. Their reaction? "We were most impressed - Ka pai!"

Ricki Allan

Top Sportsman teaching English

Ricki Allan was introduced in the last edition of the Bayleaf to our community as one of the new teachers at Bayfield. This has been a busy year for him, and while he has been becoming a favourite teacher of many students in the classroom, he also has been making waves on the sports field. Not only is he passionate about sharing his love of English literature, he is also extremely keen on two sports; Rugby League and Cricket.

Ricki was recently selected for the Otago representative rugby league team's initial squad which competes in the Southern Zone rugby league competition. He played for Otago last year and looks forward to representing the region again in 2016. Rugby league is a great passion of his; alongside playing for his club he also writes the rugby league reports for the Otago Daily Times, and has begun working with Otago Rugby League to assist in the growth of the game locally.

Although there is currently not a League team at Bayfield, he is one of the Bayfield Senior Rugby team's 3 coaches,

alongside Gareth Waldron and Jared King, and is relishing working with the team.

Ricki is also very enthusiastic about cricket, whether it be coaching students, or playing himself. Earlier in the year he went to the National Club Championships in Auckland where Kaikorai, the team which he plays for, managed to win the prestigious Bing Harris Trophy. When he hasn't been on the pitch, he has also enjoyed enjoying some cricket banter with Michael Wagener, one of our Maths teachers, who is also a very keen cricket fan (with a Cricketing Blog of over 20, 000 readers). Ricki and Michael will be coaching the Junior Cricket team next season.



Ricki with the 'Bing Harris Trophy'

Bayfield is extremely lucky to have a staff that shares a love of sports, to help develop the next generation of young athletes.

Mountainview

Sports Exchange Success

A strong contingent of Bayfield High School sports teams travelled up to Timaru for our annual sports exchange with Mountainview. Bayfield is very proud of its links with this school; they also place a strong emphasis on the sense of belonging that comes from being a smaller co-educational school with a whanau feel – whether it's being a part of “the Bayfield family”, or being a “Mountie”.

Last year the trophy was narrowly won by Mountainview, so Bayfield students were keen on giving it their very best to take the trophy back home. The competition was held across several disciplines of Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Football, Theatre Sports, Debating, Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess.

Our students conducted and presented themselves to a very high standard and their sportsmanship was outstanding. They wish to say “Thank you” to all the staff and coaches who took the time to travel to Timaru and be involved with the day. Regaining this prized trophy bodes extremely well for Bayfield's success in the upcoming Co-Educational Sports Tournament.

Results:

Basketball Senior Girls: Win to Bayfield

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Netball Senior Girls: Win to Bayfield

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Football Mixed Seniors: Win to Bayfield

Football Junior Boys: Win to Bayfield

Table Tennis: Win to Bayfield

Debating: Win to Bayfield

Chess: Draw

Hockey Mixed Seniors: Win to Mountain View

Badminton Boys: Win to Mountain View

Badminton Girls: Win to Mountain View

Theatre Sports: Win to Mountain View.



Andrew Baldwin

From Bayfield High School to Notre-Dame Cathedral

Andrew Baldwin, a name many of us are familiar with, was a student at Bayfield from 2000-2004 and received the ODT Class Act Award in 2003. He was heavily involved with music, and had both Phillipa Hosken (current HOD music) and Aart Brusse (Former Head of Music at Bayfield for over 40 years) as teachers. Andrew remembers clearly Aart as an incredibly enthusiastic teacher; as he is sure many other former students can attest to! He was really motivated by Aart to pursue composing as a junior student, and Phillipa Hosken also encouraged him as his Music teacher in the senior school.

After leaving Bayfield, Andrew completed a Bachelor of Music degree with honours, and then attended the prestigious Royal College of Music in London. Since completing his education his career has gone from strength to strength.

Andrew has had several career milestones that he is proud of already.

Some span back to his time at Bayfield, including the first time he had a composition played by an orchestra, the Auckland Philharmonia, as a Year 12 student! More recently, Andrew has been based in the UK working with some fantastic ensembles, including the London Mozart Players and the English National Ballet, whom he composed a ballet score for in 2013. In July, the New Zealand Youth Choir will sing Andrew's composition in the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, as part of their European Tour.

Andrew is currently freelancing in London as a composer, working on a few projects and doing a bit of choral singing in his spare time. Earlier in the year he worked with members of the Britten Sinfonia, a Cambridge-based orchestra, as part of their composers scheme, which was an amazing professional development opportunity. Later this year he has a couple of master classes to attend in Europe where he will study

with widely established composers, and he has recently been chosen to be a member of the Europa Cantat Chamber Choir in Italy, a choir comprised of students from all over Europe.

When asked about his time at Bayfield, Andrew had this to say: "Bayfield as a school was really brilliant for me. The school community and the friendliness of the students and teachers was really evident throughout my whole time as a student there and I am still in touch with many of my fellow classmates. It is so lucky to have an incredibly strong Music Department where the students really thrive and achieve great things, both at school and in their future careers. I was back in Dunedin in 2014 and popped along to the Open Night and was really delighted to chat with Philippa again, and see the brilliant new facilities!"





Junior Boys Athletics



Year 12 Biology field trip



Athletics Day - Year 10 g



Footloose



Tramping Club in the Southern Alps



Year 9 - first day at Bayfield



Athletics day fun



Futsal and Football Academy



International students visit Mt Cook



Footloose - the show



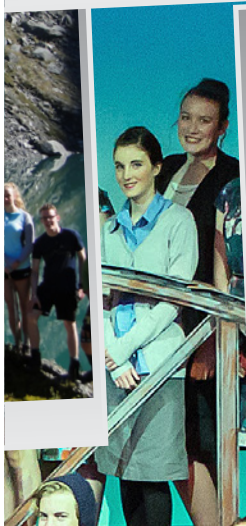
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EnviroGroup - Community Cleanup



Junior Boys Rugby



Footloose leads - Bryn and Lara



Collecting for Ronald McDonald appeal



Athletics day - the starter



Archery Club



Athletics day fun



Tomahawk Lagoon - water quality project

Deputy Head Students 2016

Kara Helm, Lewis Anderson

Kia ora! My name is Lewis Anderson and this year I am lucky enough to hold the position of Deputy Head Boy. So far this has been quite a new experience for me and the position has very much proven to be an important job rather than a title. Nevertheless, I am getting used to it and it has really pushed my leadership skills.

This year is my fifth and last at Bayfield, and I've been involved in many areas around the school. I especially enjoy cultural groups and activities, as I think Bayfield's cultural scene is really special and we are very lucky to have it. An ongoing passion I have had for all of my time at Bayfield is Te Reo Maori. After five years of learning Te Reo I have grown a passion for the language, and I think keeping Te Reo alive is of paramount importance.

When I arrived at Bayfield in 2012 I was not hugely motivated to succeed. I was more concerned about personal image and fitting in. However, being at Bayfield was extremely good for me; the atmosphere was (and still is) welcoming and very accepting. This is a really amazing quality for a school to possess and one of my main goals for this year is to make sure it is continued into future years. Bayfield doesn't shape its students, the students shape Bayfield.

I still have yet to come to terms with the fact that this is my last school year, and probably never will. However, I am determined to get involved with many groups and activities in multiple areas of the school to get everything I can out of my last year. The most important advice I could give to new students at Bayfield is to get involved and soak up every moment, because the truth is that it will all be over before you know it. Make the most of it!



Hi! My name is Kara Helm and I was privileged enough to get the position of Deputy Head Girl of Bayfield High School for 2016. We are now already half way through the year, and it is fair enough to say that it is all that I thought it would be! As a year 9 coming to Bayfield, I always strived to become a head student and now that I have the opportunity, I am determined to make the most of what it has to offer. I have always enjoyed the support Bayfield has given me and I believe that receiving this position is the best way for me to be able to give back to our school.

Throughout my years at Bayfield I have always enjoyed getting involved in leadership roles such as being a part of school councils, and in my senior years coaching both netball and volleyball teams. I have also been a strong believer in getting involved in everything that Bayfield has to offer, and I have shown this by being a part of many other groups and sporting teams. These include sports such as netball, basketball, volleyball, touch and athletics. Along with the challenge of Deputy Head Girl, I have also been given the chance to improve my leadership skills by being rewarded with the position of Captain of the Senior A netball team.

Along with continuing my involvement

in sporting fields, I am also showing my support within the school by being an Academic Assistant, Buddy Reader, and again being a part of the Senior Council. As a part of my role as Deputy Head Girl, I also get to help support our Social Prefects, Mya Hellyer-Melville and Samii Kruskopf. During Term 2 we, along with the Social Committee, have been busy organising the School Formal for the year 12's and 13's. We also get to organise the Junior Socials which are held throughout the year, with the one in Term 1 being very successful.

This year, I have plans to complete NCEA Level 3 with an Excellence Endorsement. I also plan to continue to enjoy my final year, as the first half has already flown by! I'm looking forward to my last school formal, and also to taking out another win in my last sports exchange with Waimate. I am also excited to see the new students of Bayfield continue to grow, and all students making the most of the opportunities offered to them during the rest of 2016. Next year I plan to attend Otago University, studying first year Health Sciences, with the intention of studying Pharmacy in the future.

All the best to everyone for the rest of 2016!

Young and Wilkin Tramp

Southern Alps Adventure

Fourteen members of the Bayfield High School Tramping Club completed the 45km Young and Wilkin tramp in Mount Aspiring National Park in May. The tramp began with a hair-raising aeroplane flight over the Southern Alps into the Siberian Valley to their first hut.

Over the following days their journey took them up to the alpine heights of Lake Crucible (some were brave enough to jump in!!), over the 1629 metre high Gillespie Pass and along the Young Valley. Steep vertical climbs and descents, rugged tracks along with numerous river crossings meant many trampers were being pushed well beyond their normal comfort zone. However, great team work and a constantly positive vibe meant that this was a journey that will hold great memories and experiences for everyone involved. Luxury food was even on the menu for many trampers, including a black forest gateau for dessert!

"A highlight from this tramp was getting to see views that only very few people in the world get to see. Tramping to a small corner of the country and seeing the most spectacular scenery of your life, it's a pretty special thing."
Ella Roberts

Planning is now in place for the world famous Milford Track tramp at the end of the year. Will you join in on this adventure?

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Day trip to alpine Lake Crucible



Summiting Gillespie Pass



Day 1, the flight in to the Siberian Valley

Congratulations

Some of our high achievers

Sarah McLennan and Lara Davidson both won their sections in the recent Dunedin Performing Arts Society Tap Dancing Festival. Sarah was placed 1st in the Intermediate section, and Lara came 1st in the Senior section.

Lara has been having a very successful year with her dancing, also recently winning the Musical Theatre Section of the NZ Dance Awards, which were held in Christchurch over Queen's Birthday weekend. There were 1000 competing in the event, and Lara won ahead of the 200 other competitors in her section.

Matt Clarkson won gold in the Intermediate Boys Middleweight Division at the South Island Regional Taekwondo Tournament, and also collected a bronze for the Intermediate Open 1st to 2nd Gup Patterns Division. He is off to the national championships in Tauranga on the first weekend of the July school holidays and is working towards his black belt grading in December this year.

Eden and Chelsey Cruse competed at the Palmerston Waihemu A&P show in May. Eden won the Champion Rosette in the 12-14 years category, and was placed third in the 60cm jumping. Chelsey was placed first in the paced and mannered category of the competition, and was placed 2nd in the 80cm jumping.

Finlay Anderson and Abby Clayton whose poems "Layers", and "Curled up

with a book" respectively, both earned a coveted "Commendation" in the Dunedin Secondary Schools Poetry Competition for 2016

Olivia Larkins and Sam Haig are the inaugural winners of the Bayfield High School Arts Council Awards. These cash awards helped Jess to attend a national dance competition, and assisted Sam to participate in an advanced drawing workshop.

William Brundell and his group "Too hot to Handel" gained a Commendation and also the award for "Best Performance of a New Zealand Work" in the recent Otago heat of the New Zealand Chamber Music Contest.

Jade Fielding came 2nd in the Senior Section in the recent 2016 National FISAF New Zealand Sports Aerobics and Fitness Championships in Wellington.

Taaka Potiki, Laura Valentine, and Tom Dreyer were in the winning team in their

division at the recently-held Special Olympics Football Tournament.

In the recent Big Sing competition Dolce Concordance, Bayfield's Special choir, received a "Commended" performance, the Isabel Chetwin Trophy cup for Most Improved Choir, and the Otago Regional Committee Conductor's Award to their Conductor/Musical Director, our very own HOD of Music, Philippa Hosken.



Daniel receiving the Otago Secondary School's High Jump Trophy

Daniel Rogers-Bromley came 1st in the Senior Boys High Jump section of the South Island Secondary Schools Athletic Championships.

Jade completing a 'split planch'



German exchange

Our exchange to Germany



**Nikira, Brooke and Emma
in Paris**

At the end of last Term 1, three of our senior German students (Nikira Cole, Brooke Pearson, and Emma Fleury) went, along with their teacher (Karola Franklyn) and her family, to a month-long visit to Germany, which consisted of staying with a host family and attending school in Germany for a week.

It was a busy month, where they were also lucky enough to visit Amsterdam (the Netherlands), Ypres (Belgium) and Paris (France) along the way. They saw famous landmarks like the Eiffel tower, the Berlin Dome, a WWI battlefield tour and the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam.

Whilst away they experienced culture shock in the most everyday things. The students found it interesting to see what was common food in Europe, how they had to think about how to address people in a completely different way, and they drove on the other side of the road. Some of the difficulties they faced

were a lot to do with the language and speaking it. It was harder for them to keep up conversation with the locals as they spoke a lot faster than what they were used to speaking in class, and also the challenge of having to think on the spot.

The cities that they visited were considerably different to Dunedin as they were bigger, busier and had a lot more history. The main modes of public transportation were also worlds apart from those we use in Dunedin, the most common being the trains and trams.

All in all, the students agreed "Es war fantastisch!!!" We are all eagerly awaiting to hear where the next Languages trip will visit in Europe.

Molley Roffey and Georgia Ross

Footloose – the wrap up

Another outstanding show!

The production is an annual event eagerly anticipated by our students and it is considered a highlight of the year for many. This year's impressive rendering of the hit musical, Footloose, was no exception.

With all of the backstage, onstage and technical support, over 100 students participated in Footloose. Every single aspect is student-led and driven and they put in an amazing effort again this year, with almost 150 hours of rehearsal time!

There were 7 performances of Footloose in total, with 3 matinee sessions dedicated to the students in our community. In the morning and afternoon shows alone, the students entertained hundreds of students in our community, with most of them from Tahuna Intermediate. The show was a definite hit, despite some more grown-up themes. Some of the audience had this to say:

"The two main characters in my opinion were fantastic, but everyone else who

took part in it from backstage and every single one of the actors gave a phenomenal performance that day. My friends and I enjoyed it and if I had a chance to see it a second time I would take it! A very, very big well done to all Bayfield students and teachers! We hope to come and see another brilliant show, next year. With lots of thanks and applause from the whole of our school including the parents and teachers." Alannah-Mae Medeiros (Year 6) Broad Bay School

"I thought Footloose was a really good play. It was well prepared and directed. The actors were good and there were no mistakes. My favourite song was Footloose and my favourite scene was the start scene. It was funny as well as serious and the moral of Footloose was you can't ban fun and dance. Overall I thought Footloose was a great play" Eben Richardson (Year 6) Broad Bay School.

In order to recognise the excellence of our students 4 cups are awarded at

the end of each production season to acknowledge truly outstanding commitment.

This year Josh Weir and Bryn Monk both received the Cup for Outstanding Leadership in a School Production. The Cup for Outstanding Service to Show Band was awarded to Ruth Bridgman; and the Cup for Most Promising Onstage Performance went to Daniel Cromar and Lara Davidson. Finally, the Cup for best contribution to an Offstage Role went to Braden Smitheram.

Josh Weir, had this to say about the show: "Each year, I look forward to the show, and each year I feel really proud of how well we come together as a cast, but also sad when it is over for another year."

We look forward to seeing what show will be performed by Bayfield in 2017!

Molley Roffey and Georgia Ross

Football and Futsal Academy

Developing high-achieving athletes

Bayfield is lucky to be in its second year of the Football/Futsal Development programme, run in conjunction with Football South and New Zealand Football. This programme is designed to develop the skills and game playing ability of all Year 9 and Year 10 players involved in both Football and Futsal at Bayfield. Students also benefit from being taught how to both referee and coach younger players. This course has seen a growth of skill, ability and knowledge about the sport, and has significantly increased the performance of the Bayfield High School teams.

Students involved in the Football/Futsal programme

are also eligible to enter Bayfield's Sport Development Programme which is designed to help students achieve to a high level in their particular sporting code. Students are introduced to a

wide range of fitness activities ranging from Les Mills sessions, bootcamps, crossfit workouts, nutritional cooking and yoga to supplement their own training programmes.



Science Wānanga

Science comes alive on the marae



Instructor Anne Ford demonstrating stone knapping to Bayfield students Bilei and Grace

Early in Term 2 a group of Bayfield students headed to Otakau Marae for the 2016 University of Otago Science Wānanga. This meant being fully immersed in marae culture and protocols whilst experiencing a variety of science-related workshops; also learning about local genealogy and history from kaumatua. This helps students to explore the connections and actions between science, matauranga Maori and the links between human and environmental health.

The Wānanga exposed students to a range of people, knowledge and

experiences. First up was learning about tikanga and genealogy from Otakau Marae from the formation of the universe, to how and when the different waka arrived in New Zealand. Next up, the students experienced attempting to make stone tools, which gave them a new appreciation for

the level of mathematics, physics and geological knowledge that early peoples had. In conjunction with the past of pounamu, the future was highlighted by the use of new technologies that might eventually be used to establish where illegally poached pounamu has been taken from; and to ensure that New Zealand pounamu is not mistakenly branded as other types of nephrite from overseas deposits.

Subsequently, The Lansbury family hosted all the students for an evening at the Albatross Centre and as dusk fell

they embarked on a Little Blue Penguin Tour. They learned not only about the ecology and global significance of the peninsula population of this species; but also about the importance of the carved poutokomanawa at the visitor's centre.

Another highlight was a visit by 'The Lab in a Box' which provided amazing demonstrations such as watching a thermodynamic super-cooled magnet race along its track upside down without falling off. Lastly was a talk about the different types and causes of diabetes. Students discussed the place of food in different cultures and in their own families which led to deep conversations, ideas and actions of how to raise awareness of some of the risk factors of diabetes.

Students greatly enjoyed the The Wānanga because it showed the importance of education with real world applications; and also they realised how much influence young people can have on each other and on the adults in their lives.

When I leave school?

Planning for a successful future

One of Bayfield's strengths is the Careers Department. Leeana Duncan, our Careers teacher, works relentlessly to help students to find the best pathway for themselves, both during and after leaving school.

Gateway Programme:

Each year, students apply to participate in the Gateway programme which allows senior students the opportunity to gain NCEA credits in the workplace. Each student spends one day a week in a workplace that they are interested in further developing their future career or training. Prior to going out on their placements, the Year 12 and 13 Gateway students this year gained a Health and Safety in the Workplace Certificate, demonstrating their knowledge about the new reforms that came in this April.

Careers Expo:

As part of our Professional Skills class, students have been practising making resumés and attending talks by tertiary providers, such as Otago University and Otago Polytechnic. They have also been lucky enough to go the Dunedin Secondary School's Careers Expo. Students had the opportunity to consider career pathways, with the benefit of many providers all being in one place. These ranged from universities, polytechnic, travel providers, Industry Training Organisations from all over New Zealand, and employers such as McDonalds and Noel Leeming. Students really enjoyed it, and came away with some useful information with which to begin making some career decisions.

SDHB Incubator Programme:

Over the past term, a group of Bayfield Students have been taking part in the SDHB's Incubator Programme. This initiative hopes to introduce students who are interested in health professions to a variety of different careers. They have observed different health professionals in their workplaces, such as visiting nurses at the children's ward at the hospital. Students have also had the opportunity to visit the hospital to see the Radiation Therapy and Vascular Departments with the new, multimillion dollar Linear Accelerator radiation treatment machine. During their visit to the Vascular Department, one group were also lucky enough to witness a heart surgery taking place. Talks by St John's Ambulance and caregivers for the elderly have also been very interesting. This is a wonderful programme and it is great to see our students getting involved with it.



Health and Safety in the Workplace course achievers



Defence Force booth - Careers Expo



Linear Accelerator - the SDHB Incubator programme



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