

BARNICOAT HOUSE

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BARNICOAT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

The year is very close to an end in Boarding and by now most of you will have your sons back home. The main focus in Term Four for the seniors was on exams, with the last exam for our boys finishing on Wednesday. Results will be available on line in January. I am positive that our results will be as good as they have been in the past two years.

As I write this, there are only 3 boys in the house, with only 6 or 7 in for the weekend. It has meant for a quiet weekend and perhaps the only time I will shout KFC on a Friday night.

Those that are staying are here for the Junior Prize Giving on Tuesday. Receiving awards will be Scott Higgins, Patrick Gerard and Ethan Marshall.

During the last term there were several formal events in boarding and at school, including:

- House Dinner
- Prize Giving
- Old Man's Supper
- Year 13 Graduation
- Haka Competition

House Dinner

I would like to thank the large number of parents that made an effort to attend house dinner. I appreciated that for some of you work commitments needed rescheduling and there was considerable travel involved.

The major awards at house dinner were:

- **Two Man Saw Trophy** - Jake Syminton & Patrick Struthers
- **Jackson Cup - Hurdles** - Damon Subritzky

- **Patterson Cup for Rugby (Junior)** - Brent Dalley
- **Patterson Cup for Rugby (Senior)** - Damon Subritzky
- **Gibson Cup for Inter-house Competition (Team 5)** - Damon Subritzky, Zam Kay, Jack Pool, Morgan Struthers, Jakub Mottl, Christopher Knudsen, Tyler White and Luke Rowe
- **Prestidge Cup - Contribution to the house by a junior** - Patrick Gerard
- **Graham Donald Tilley Cup - for the person who sets himself consistently high standards** - Hamish Mellor
- **Director of Boarding Trophy for a Junior** - Scott Higgins
- **Director of Boarding Trophy for a Senior** - Sam Fellows
- **Barnicoat Cup - Greatest Contribution to the House** -Patrick Vanakul
- **Greer Cup for House Spirit** - Sam Fellows

The head students for 2012 were also named, these are:

- **Head of House** - Daniel Thomas
- **Deputy Head of House** - Hamish Mellor
- **Sports Captain** - Leonard Kelly

These boys and the other Year 13' students will lead Barnicoat in 2012. It will be a strong leadership team with 12 students.

Prize Giving

At Senior Prize Giving a number of Barnicoat students received awards, including Sam Fellows, Hamish Mellor, Daniel Candy, Chris Knudsen, Daniel Thomas and Tyler White.

Barnicoat House won the boarding shield for inter-house competition for the second year in a row. Winning it reflects our house spirit and the commitment of our boys in competition. Impressive efforts in the overall house competition this year included second (participation adjusted) in the cross country and second in the singing and haka.

Hamish Mellor was named Head Boy of the School. This recognizes his standing and the respect that he has amongst his peers and the staff at Nelson College. I would like to wish Hamish well in this position and know he has the support of the Barnicoat students.

Old Man's Supper & Year 13 Graduation

Old Man's Supper is a traditional end of year boarding event where all boarding students and staff have a formal meal and farewell the leavers.

Year 13 Graduation is a relatively new event where the Year 13 students have a formal meal and reflect on their time at Nelson College. Edward Gardner was recognised at this for his commitment in leading Barnicoat this year.

The leavers this year are Alex Faulkner, Keoni Monahan (Year 12), Sean Struthers, Brody McDonald, Rex Pratt, Sam Fellows and Edward Gardner (Year 13).

I wish these boys well for the future and would like to thank them for their commitment to boarding, particularly the Year 13's - Edward (Head of House), Sean (Deputy), Rex (Sports Captain) and Brody and Sam for the support they offered.

House Haka

Barnicoat again placed second in House Haka this year. We were led passionately by Sam Fellows and supported by the rest of the house.

Looking ahead to 2012

I have been reviewing this year with staff recently. We have discussed what went well, what didn't and we have been looking at what our goals for 2012 should be. Our main focus will not differ too much from that of the past few years which will be respect (for one another and for property).

Please feel free to email or call me if you have any concerns, suggestions or ideas for next year.

Over the holidays I would encourage you to ensure that your sons clothing is named. Students also need to think about naming property and ensuring that possessions are either locked away or put safely somewhere that is not visible.

The start of Term One in 2012 is as follows:

- Monday 30 Jan - Year 9's & Year 13's to house before 4.00 pm
- Tuesday 31 Jan - all other boarders arrive before 3.00 pm

As always, thanks to our staff. Their commitment and care of the boys is appreciated.

Finally, enjoy the Christmas and New Year period and the time you have with your families.

Merry Christmas

Simon, Jodi and Connor