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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



Gill Chappell, Chair and parent representative of the Board of Trustees, highlights the successes of the past six months.

With Edmund Lawler's new role as Chair of the Board of Baradene College Limited (the proprietor/BCL), it is my privilege to have recently been appointed as the new chair of the Baradene College Board (the School Board). I wish to acknowledge the huge contribution that Edmund has made in his role as Chair of the School Board over the past six years. We are very grateful that we will continue to benefit from his substantial experience in his ongoing role on both Boards.

Some highlights to reflect on since the last issue of *Baradene Heart* are:

- The College has completed the acoustic fitout of the Barat Block, with contributions from the PTA, BCL, and the School Board. This has enabled the use of existing areas in Barat as modern learning spaces.
- The PTA held the hugely successful annual Art Show and, more recently, the Father Daughter Breakfast, after a year's break following renovations to the auditorium. These fundraising initiatives are the result of many hours of hard work and organisation by the PTA and parents. The Board sincerely thanks the PTA, sponsors and the community for its tremendous support of these events.
- The College has become accredited as an official Standardised Assessment Testing (SAT) centre, facilitating a pathway for students to consider US universities if they wish to explore this option.
- The School's website (baradene.school.nz) has been redesigned and a new social media presence on Facebook (facebook.com/baradenecollege) has been set up.

It has been wonderful to see the students' successes in so many areas, but one area I would like to briefly touch on is the Auckland Secondary Schools Music Festival, where Baradene students chalked up some significant wins. These follow on from the Board's update of the Strategic Plan at the end of last year to include a specific focus on music development, and are clearly the result of much hard work and dedication.

We are also very excited to announce that by next year, the existing science lab will have an extensive upgrade and fitout, and a significant new building project will be commencing (detailed more fully in the following pages).

For the remainder of the year, and on behalf of the Board, I wish our Senior students good luck with their forthcoming exams, and send our Junior students best wishes for their end-of-year camps.



Girl on the move

Baradene College Principal Sandy Pasley reflects on the internationality and pioneering spirit of our Society of the Sacred Heart forebears, and how their influence is felt at Baradene even now.



“Strength of character is certainly needed to face life in the world and to stand by right principles, especially in the age in which we live.”

~Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

2018 marks the bicentennial of the opening of the first Sacred Heart School outside of France. Founded by St Rose Philippine Duchesne in a humble log cabin in St Charles, Missouri, USA, the Academy of the Sacred Heart was also the first free school west of the Mississippi River.

But it wasn't easy for Philippine. Having begged Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, the foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart and Philippine's good friend, to travel to America as a missionary, Philippine found frontier conditions harsh, the English language challenging, and her little school (of just three pupils) forced to close after only a year, later reopening in a nearby town.

During this trying time, Philippine worked hard, often felt like a failure, and spent many nights in prayer. “Poverty and Christian heroism are here,” she wrote, “And trials are the riches of priests in this land.”

Philippine exhibited grit and resilience, yet also respected the value of reflection and silence. The concept of *espacio* – Spanish for “space” – was of great importance to Philippine, and with her in mind, this year we have built *espacio* into our daily timetable, giving our students time for reflection before the start of the last class of the day.

While Philippine did, indeed, experience many difficulties, it is her tenacity of spirit that led to the spreading of the Society of the Sacred Heart around the world, with its internationality one of its strongest characteristics. Because of the global outlook of Philippine, Madeleine, and their followers, the Society of the Sacred Heart now serves in 41 countries – including here in New Zealand, where Baradene College was established in 1909 after the Society's arrival in 1880.

This international aspect of the Society of the Sacred Heart is part of our charism – we look outward as well

as inward, as Philippine did when working toward her dream of bringing the Gospel to the indigenous people of the Americas. We teach our students that it is critical not only to look after your own surroundings, but also to have a global view. Like Philippine, our students are girls on the move – both locally and internationally. Like Madeleine, we believe in the importance of service and social justice.

We act local, but look global – during the Feast of the Sacred Heart, for example, when we hold La Fête to raise funds, which this year supported the Sisters working in the Philippines. Our students participate in exchanges with other Sacred Heart schools around the world, and travel to a number of countries to represent Baradene as language students, athletes, musicians, orienteers, and scholars. Our relationship with our sister school Sacred Heart in Atherton, California is building links that may well lead to internships in Silicon Valley for Baradene girls in future.

In short, the internationality of our Society of the Sacred Heart forebears is strong and enduring.

Recently I had the opportunity to be a girl on the move myself, travelling to England for a special alumnae event with former Baradene students in the UK. The occasion was well attended by a glittering assortment of successful, admirable alumnae who enjoyed catching up at the Penthouse of New Zealand House in London. Our keynote speaker was fashion designer Emilia Wickstead, who spent four years at Baradene. Emilia recalled the enduring friendships she made with girls here, some of whom were bridesmaids in her wedding.

The strong links forged by Baradene students around the world echo Philippine and Madeleine's own friendship some 200 years ago. And like these two saints who are such strong, feminist role models, Baradene girls on the move continue to explore and change the world, for the better. ■

HONOURING ST ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



Bicentennial Prayer

Spirit of the living God,
 you first breathed over the waters of creation,
 and one day you breathed a passion
 into the heart of Philippine Duchesne.
 You called her to cross the waters to a New World,
 to bring the message of your compassion and love
 to a land and peoples already dear to your heart.

Not knowing the language of the land,
 she spoke the language of the heart –
 of love and prayer,
 of attention and openness,
 of steadfast purpose and living faith.
 As the Sacred Heart family around the world,
 we are the harvest of the seeds she sowed.

Bless, now, our ever-new world,
 with Philippine's spirit of great-hearted courage.
 Fill us with her desire to cross frontiers,
 especially those furthest from the touch of hope.
 Renew the whole Church in its missionary spirit
 and give us Philippine's zeal
 to spread your compassion and love
 to the ends of the earth.

We ask all this in your name, triune God,
 whose love knows no borders or boundaries,
 and who sends us to make known that love in
 the heart of the world
 now and forever.

Amen.

INTRODUCING NICOLA BURNETT

Meet Nicola Burnett, Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning, whose wealth of international academic experience helps drive her passion to see Baradene students succeed.



Five years ago, Nicola Burnett was appointed Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning. Her love of teaching has seen her teach at a wide range of schools throughout New Zealand, as well as a number of international schools, such as Hill House in London, the California International (USA) School, and Island School in Hong Kong.

Mrs Burnett's main interests are hockey, athletics, and skiing. A keen spectator, she loves watching sport. Mrs Burnett does her best to follow the huge number of girls who play sport at the College. She feels that involvement of girls in a sports team provides a wonderful opportunity for social development.

There are two events which stand out for Mrs Burnett. Firstly, while trekking in Nepal, she met an American girl who encouraged her to apply for a Science teaching position at her international school in Hong Kong. Consequently, Mrs Burnett lived in Hong Kong for four years and continued to travel in her holidays. One year, on return from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, she sat next to her future husband, Michael, on the plane. They now have two sons, Cameron, who is working in Auckland, and Alistair, who attends Otago University.

Helping students to achieve their goals has been a driving force behind her love of teaching. "It is so satisfying to see our students developing an authentic interest in the sciences. Nowadays, chemistry is embraced by all our students as one of the foundation sciences," she explains.

Teaching using the inquiry process has been another aspect of Mrs Burnett's role. "Using differentiation to improve individual student outcomes has been a major focus this

year," she says. "Our students are a huge resource. Consequently, establishing the peer tutoring programme for our girls has been a very successful initiative. The programme enables students across the academic spectrum to have a tutor to assist them with a range of subjects," she explains.

Every year, the number of students involved in the programme multiplies substantially. The older girls, in the role of tutors, develop leadership skills as they work collaboratively with their tutees to improve their grades.

Another important role Mrs Burnett fills is to oversee and track the academic results of Baradene students – both at senior and junior level. If girls are struggling, then her team will work with the girls to assist those students to reach their potential. Teachers have easier access to data so they can identify the area of need within their subject.

"With Mrs Pasley at the helm, the staff at the College have worked to lift the College's results to some of the best in the country," says Mrs Burnett.



NEW PROJECT IN STORE FOR 2018

Edmund Lawler, Chair of the Board of Baradene College Limited (BCL), introduces a new project kicking off in 2018.

We are pleased to confirm the commencement of a major project at Baradene College involving the installation of new music classrooms and suites, an artificial hockey turf, and an underground carpark.

Resource consent has been obtained for the development, and we expect to commence construction in early 2018, with a view to completing work in the second quarter of 2019.

The development will occur on the site of the back field at Baradene, adjacent to Victoria Avenue and Sonia Avenue. This project will better utilise a space within the College which currently has limited use, and will provide much-needed resource for staff, students, and visitors to the College.

Music classrooms and suites

A new music facility is to be constructed on the eastern

side of the complex, comprising four full-size music classrooms, along with seven music suites and storage space for instruments and materials. These will be designed to music classroom standards with a high level of soundproofing. The entrance area and some of the classrooms will be able to be extended to provide a performance space for students and the community.

Music has received strong support from the College during recent years, with consequently high participation and success by students in music. The construction of a purpose-built music facility will also free up other classroom spaces in demand from other faculty subjects.

Hockey field project

A full international specification hockey turf will be installed over the carpark. Hockey is a popular sport among the students, and this new turf will enable hockey teams to use Baradene as a home venue during winter competitions,



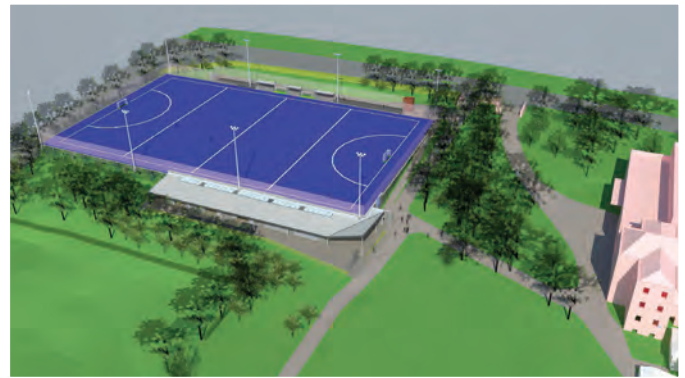
as well as provide the many hockey teams with excellent practice areas during the week, thus releasing other outdoor areas for use by other sports.

Infrastructure

The one-level carpark will provide secure covered parking for approximately 150 cars, with a planned entrance off Sonia Avenue and an exit through Gate 3 onto Victoria Avenue. This will remove cars currently spread around the grounds of the College and provide more space for students.

This is a major, multi-million dollar investment for the College. The key infrastructure being developed will support staff at the College in their critical roles while also freeing up space in other areas of the College. The music facilities and new hockey turf will provide opportunities for the wider development of students in performing arts, and further sporting opportunities within the College. The project is led by BCL as Proprietor, with funding from the parent community through the contributions they make to BCL. We would not be able to construct such an important facility without that support.

We thank the community for their support for this project. This represents a major upgrade to facilities at Baradene, and we believe provides exciting opportunities for the future growth and ongoing success of Baradene as a Catholic school of the Society of the Sacred Heart. ■



PUTTING LEARNING INTO REALITY





In July, 23 students of Spanish from Years 11 to 13 travelled to Spain to immerse themselves in the culture and improve their language skills. Here, they reflect on their unforgettable learning and cultural experience.

Year 12 student Emily Thomson says, “Each of us are so grateful for the friendships we made on the trip, the things we learned about Spanish culture, and the impressive improvements in our Spanish! A popular favourite was spending a week with homestays, as it opened our eyes to what life is like as a student in Spain, and it’s very different to New Zealand.”

Year 12 students Tamsin Baird and Gianna Fava recall, “A place all the girls particularly enjoyed was Barcelona. During our time there, we visited the world-famous Sagrada Família, Platja de la Barceloneta and Park Güell. We learned a significant amount of knowledge regarding the culture and language of the country. From this trip, we have made lifelong friendships, and are very thankful for the life-changing experience. We look forward to returning to Spain in the future!”

And Year 13 Spanish students Julie, Felicia, Cayley, Ruby, Olivia, and Ella say, “We travelled around many places, including Madrid, Sevilla, Barcelona, Cordoba, Valencia, Toledo, and Granada. While in Sevilla, we were billeted with Spanish families and attended a language school. Our host families and teachers spoke no English, which pushed us out of our comfort zones and encouraged us to utilise our Spanish. We were introduced to a lot of interesting foods and saw some incredible historical sights. Overall, the trip was an amazing experience which allowed us to put our learning into reality and make new friends and memories we will not forget.”



AT THE FOOT OF THE BANYAN TREE



“From now on, when you come before me in this place, I will grant all the graces you ask for.”



Head of Social Science Brent Coutts chaperoned a group of students as they visited the Catholic pilgrimage site of Our Lady of La Vang in Vietnam in July.

The Shrine of Our Lady of La Vang is north of the city of Hue in Vietnam. On a history trip to Vietnam in July, Baradene College students visited this special place. La Vang is the place where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1798, and now Catholics come here on a pilgrimage from all over the world.

In 1798, the Vietnamese Emperor restricted the practice of Catholicism. The persecution of Catholics was very violent, and many had fled into the forest at La Vang. They gathered on the grass at the foot of a banyan tree and prayed.

The Virgin Mary appeared to them, holding the infant Jesus in her arms. She descended to the grass near the banyan tree and lovingly consoled the Catholic believers.

Mary told them, “Be confident, consent to suffering. I have answered your prayers. From now on, when you come before me in this place, I will grant all the graces you ask for.” She appeared to people at La Vang a number of other times.

Catholics come to La Vang on their pilgrimage to pray and ask for grace. The Virgin Mary has kept her promise for those who have made the journey. Baradene College students were able to make their own prayers at the statue that marks the place she appeared.



On 19 June 1998, Pope John Paul II publicly recognised the importance of Our Lady of La Vang, and expressed desire to rebuild the La Vang Basilica in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the first vision.

The new Basilica is almost completed, and stands behind the original ruined church, which was damaged during the war and left as a monument. ■

RICH HISTORY AND CULTURE

Year 12 student Ella Cheng had an “absolute whirlwind and incredible time” exploring Vietnam and Cambodia.



In Hanoi on our first day, we visited Ho Chi Minh’s mausoleum and museum. Seeing the Hỏa Lò Prison, where the French brutally held Vietnamese nationalists, was very moving. We also visited the One Pagoda Temple and Temple of Literature, realising that Vietnam was a place of rich history and discovery.

In Hue, we explored the beautiful Royal Palace, Ancient Citadel, Thien Mu’s Pagoda, and Emperor Kai Dinh’s tomb. On the second day in Hue, we saw the Demilitarized Zone, which marks the border between North and South Vietnam. We were privileged to meet some Vietnamese War Veterans, which helped us make the links between the lived experience and our work in class.



In Hoi An, we cycled through the Old Town, along country back roads, past farms and water buffaloes, and spent time at the beach. We visited the ancient Cham Kingdom capital city and learned about the Hindu religion. We went to the Marble Mountains to see important Buddhist shrines. Later, we were left moved and emotional after our visit to the My Lai Massacre site.

Ho Chi Minh was our last destination in Vietnam, and we were certainly not disappointed. We visited the South Vietnam Presidential Palace and American War Crimes Museum, which gave us a different understanding of this time in history, with its graphic photography exhibitions and prison war cell

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replicas. We also visited the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Cu Chi Tunnels, and got to explore and crawl through some of the tunnels which were dug by hand and lived in by the Viet Minh.

We finished the last leg of our trip in Cambodia. In Phnom Penh, we visited the Killing Fields and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, which showed the brutality Cambodians were faced with by the Khmer Rouge regime. We got to meet one of the seven survivors of the torture centre who were still alive when the Vietnamese liberated the city from Khmer Rouge control. In Siem Reap, we explored Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. The overgrown temple complex of Ta Phrom and the intricately carved temple of Banteay Srei were outstanding.

As an added bonus, we also encountered a group of elephants, which left us all smiling. Another highlight was visiting an NGO where women are rescued from prostitution.



From the loud and buzzing cities, to the peaceful countryside and beautiful beaches, the culture, history, and charm in both Vietnam and Cambodia were incredibly rich. Everything, from the friendly people, to the delicious food, to the beautiful historical sites, left us with unforgettable memories that, I’m sure, will last a lifetime. ■



ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

We asked the staff in the Performing Arts department to share how the performing arts are integral to their lives and work at Baradene.



Verity Davidson – Head of Faculty, Performing Arts

Performing Arts in your life: “I love watching live shows, and go to the theatre a lot. Directing is also a passion, so the opportunities I have to direct the school show and class plays are wonderful. The performing arts are rich with variety and creativity and that inspires my every day. No day is the same for a performing arts teacher.”

Performing Arts quote: “Theatre fires the imagination; it gives our children the skills and creativity necessary to face the world, to understand it and perhaps to change it too.” ~ *Lyn Gardner*

Performing Arts at Baradene: “The Performing Arts have grown at Baradene over the last 13 years. We have so many opportunities for students to get involved in drama, dance, music, and media studies. This makes the school a vibrant and creative place to be.”



Jane Donald – Performing Arts Teacher

Performing Arts in your life: “I am a vigorous and discerning theatre, dance, and music lover, and regularly enjoy seeing professional work. I am also involved in a professional performing arts group which supports and develops new work by women.”

Performing Arts quote: “Be yourself, everyone else is taken.” ~ *Oscar Wilde*

Performing Arts at Baradene: “Baradene College has tremendously talented young women. Our task is to unlock that talent by building confidence and providing the challenge and space to expand their skills.”



Matt Pipe – Music Teacher and Choral Director

Performing Arts in your life: “I have sung regularly with a number of choirs here in New Zealand and in London, and performed in and helped produce many local theatre and opera productions in Napier. Music is always in my life, so the lines between school music and my own musical endeavours often overlap and intermingle making my musical life very rich!”

Performing Arts quote: “The only thing better than singing is more singing.”
~ *Ella Fitzgerald*

Performing Arts at Baradene: “The girls at Baradene have demonstrated a great deal of talent and potential. One of the highlights of my week is working with the choirs crafting beautiful music in the early hours of the morning.”



Phil Jones – Assistant Head of Faculty, Performing Arts, and Head of Media Studies

Performing Arts in your life: “My focus in performing arts is media studies. The media plays an enormous role in all our lives, and for me that means the film festivals we have in Auckland every year, 48Hours, the Auckland Arts Festival, as well as the daily consumption of news media and social media.”

Performing Arts Quote: “Don’t hate the media, become the media.” ~ *Jello Biafra*

Performing Arts at Baradene: “We have a great Performing Arts team at Baradene offering an enormous number of disciplines across music, media studies, dance, and drama. We hope that these opportunities inspire our students to explore new ideas and create something using their own voice.”



Mary Lin – Head of Department, Music

Performing Arts in your life: “Jamming and learning new instruments whenever/wherever/whoever. Conductor of community bands and currently managing the Auckland Youth Orchestra. YouTubing possible repertoire for orchestra/band when I’m bored.”

Performing Arts quote: “The end of all good music is to affect the soul.”
~ *Claudio Monteverdi*

Performing Arts at Baradene: “I love everything about it – the classroom, band, orchestra, tutors, mass music, community events and functions, connecting/networking alumnae, and local artists together...”



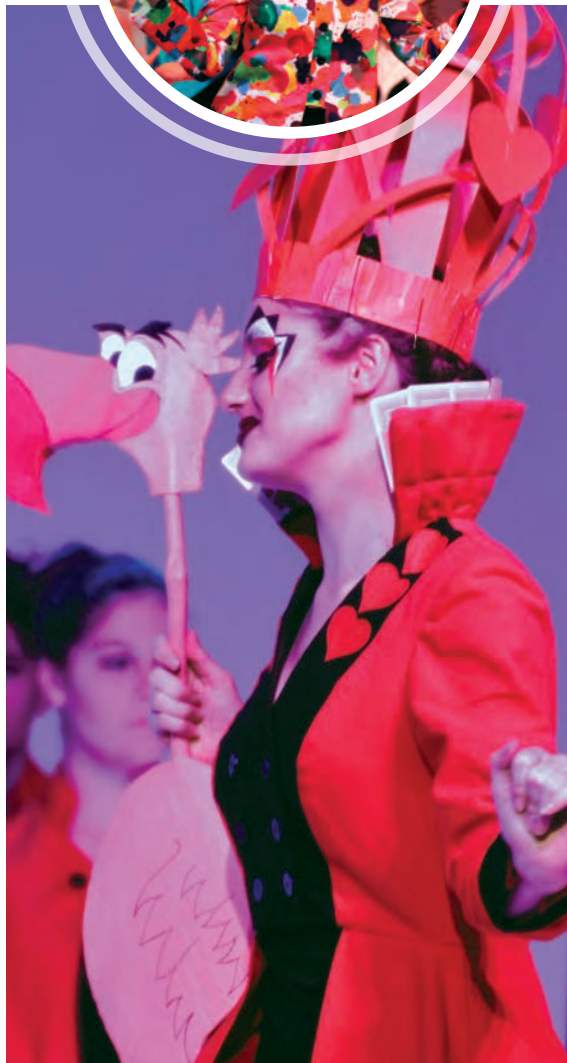
Emily Qereqeretabua - Performing Arts Administrative Assistant

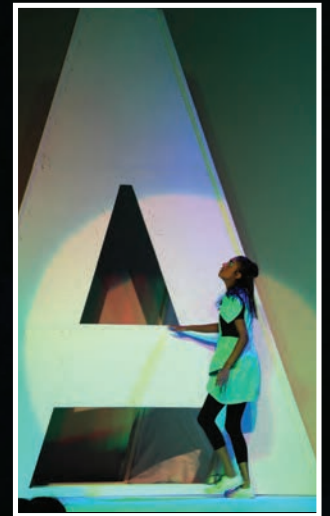
Performing Arts in your life: “My background is in television production, field directing for shows such as *Kiwi Living*, *New Zealand’s Got Talent*, and Annabel Langbein’s *The Free Range Cook*.”

Performing Arts quote: “‘One more time’ is always a lie.” ~ *Unknown*

Performing Arts at Baradene: “As a former Baradene student, the strength and talent of Performing Arts at Baradene today blows me away. It’s an honour to work alongside such a talented team of performing arts professionals.”

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE...





With a stellar student cast and dedicated help from staff, the recent performance of *Wonder in Aliceland* was an unqualified success, says Head of Performing Arts Verity Davidson.

After a break of four years, Baradene College Performing Arts was very excited to mount a full school musical production in 2017. After a few of months of reading scripts and considering other important factors, we decided on *Wonder in Aliceland*, by Jo Denver and Donald Woodward. This is such a popular story, with many versions to choose from.



We chose Denver and Woodward's musical because of its light-hearted and accessible-to-all-ages qualities. It is also a really amusing script. After a rigorous round of auditions, we cast 45 Baradene students and four students from Sacred Heart College in the show. We were lucky to get the expertise and experience of Alan Burrows as Lighting Designer, Emma Bishop as Choreographer, and Kelly Harris (who is also a Baradene alumna) as Vocal Coach.

Performing Arts staff who worked on the show were Verity Davidson as Director, Jane Donald as Assistant Director, and Matt Pipe as Musical Director. Staff at the school really stepped up, and we had a lot of help from several willing and very talented people: Kylie Marinovich designed our striking poster, Lilli Sutherland designed and made the stunning costumes, Stephanie Piaggi and Roseanne Smith made the colourful masks, along with many other staff who contributed in several ways. Liz Woods was the show's Producer.

We had five sold-out shows to great audiences of friends and families. The show was a lot of fun, and we really enjoyed the process. It was wonderful to see all our hard work come together under the lights and in full costume at showtime. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who helped to make our show a success. Being involved in a big show like this is a very valuable experience for the students. The discipline and commitment to rehearsals along with the creative process develops students' confidence in themselves, their resilience, and their ability to work with others – their ability to commit to a project and see it through. ■



KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

SENIOR ORCHESTRA



Our four music groups entered in KBB this year have worked exceedingly hard this year and gained some fantastic results, says Mary Lin, Head of Music.

Both Senior Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra received Gold, as well as the top mark of 95%, beating the usual top schools such as Westlake Combined, Macleans, Auckland Grammar, St Kents, and Dio. This makes Baradene the Best School in Auckland this year in both the Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra categories. The Concert Band received Silver, earning us the distinction of Best Girls School in the Concert Band category in Auckland. The Symphonic Band have improved so much in their playing this year as well.

This is an amazing achievement for our musicians and the Music Department, considering that in 2014 the Concert Band received Commended, and in 2015 the Orchestra received Participation.

All the Music groups have shown tremendous growth in numbers as well as increasing the difficulty in our repertoire. We worked on our tuning, articulation, dynamics, and musicianship. And at the end, the quality of our performance is what got us the scores from the judges. The girls have worked exceedingly hard throughout the year with Sectionals, full rehearsals, camps, pre-KBB concerts, and more. We are very appreciative of tutors, parents, and Mr Poljanich from St Peter's College, who have worked tirelessly to push our musicians up to the next level. ■



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



SENIOR ORCHESTRA



SYMPHONIC BAND



CONCERT BAND NATIONALS

2017 has been another great year for the Baradene Concert Band, say band leaders Charlotte Washer and Angela Carlos.

The Concert Band involves over 60 students covering a range of year levels and instruments. With our very dedicated music teacher and conductor, Mary Lin, we began the year committed to early Wednesday morning practises. As the year progressed, confidence has grown in players, and our pieces quickly shifted from being strange sounds to polished performance pieces.

Hard work and commitment from students, advice from tutors, and multiple weekend workshops resulted in a sense of belief that our band was capable of playing a challenging and dynamic range of styles.

Our first competition was the Concert Band National Festival in Whangarei, where our team bussed up early in the morning to perform. Our Saxophone Quartet, Clarinet Quartets, Brass Quintet, and many soloists also performed for this competition.

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To our surprise, the Baradene Concert Band received a Silver award at the National competition, as well as the small groups and many soloists receiving Silver and Bronze awards. This trip was a lot of fun and resulted in a days' worth of BANDta, food, and supporting Hannah Twomey and Charlotte Mckenzie in the NZSW group, which was a very memorable and elegant performance.

We also performed in the KBB Festival, playing pieces from a variety of genres. We were awarded Silver, which was an outstanding achievement. These results are the proof of belief, persistence, and effort every member of our band has put in this year. Being an active member in a music group at Baradene creates lifelong friends and builds passion and skill in an inclusive and welcoming environment. ■



CONCERT BAND





St Mary's Organ Recital

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Cathedral Organ Scholar Zosia Herlihy-O'Brien, who was selected as soloist at the St Mary's Organ Recital.



APO Big Play-In

Our talented Orchestra musicians selected for the APO Big Play-In – Charlotte Mackenzie, Crissy Sanders, Hannah Twomey, Michka Kangsathien, and Realle Chua – played Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique" on 17 September in the Auckland Town Hall with the APO musicians.



Smokefree Rockquest

We have continued to receive good results at the Smokefree Rockquest Solo/Duo Competition, a singer-songwriter rock/pop competition that has produced many famous artists such as Kimbra, Bic Runga, Midnight Youth, and more. This year, Molly Payton made it to the semifinals, receiving thousands of views on her YouTube video submission of her original songs.

Play it Strange Who Loves Who Competition

Year 12 NCEA Music students worked diligently to receive three out of the national top 20 selection for the Play It Strange Who Loves Who competition, where they performed, recorded, and restyled a piece of NZ pop music into their own composition. Aisling Baker and Zosia Herlihy-O'Brien performed "Higher" by Six60, Kura Turuwhenua and Joanna Kuri performed "Poi E" by Patea Maori Club, and Lara Miranda, Wenting Gu, and Emily Carr performed "Sway" by Bic Runga. Ianetta Solomon-Brown and Molly Payton were selected for the second year in a row for the National Secondary School Songwriting Competition Top 40.



ONE TO WATCH: ELLEANA DUMPER

Elleana Dumper, a first-year Industry major of the Bachelor of Commercial Music degree at Massey University in Wellington, tells how studying music at Baradene made a difference to her future.

Under the passionate eye of current industry players, my degree encourages innovative thinking and practices to the ever-changing music industry to be applied on local and international levels, as music has become so globally accessible through the digital age.

My time at Baradene was focussed around my passion for music and the formation of my personal creative directions. In a diverse environment of female celebration and togetherness, I was encouraged to explore my capabilities through my studies as well as extra opportunities, allowing me to form a firm purpose for myself and leap into my current study, which is notably a male-dominated industry. In combination with a high motivation to achieve, I was faced with countless opportunities that have proven to contribute to my confidence to produce and deliver.

I am inspired every day by constant knowledge and freedom studying at Wellington's creative campus, where I have made plenty of new industry connections. I intend to pursue music-based events, specifically in the field of event curation, as I find a thrill in the anti-routine of working on different creative projects. I often find the crowd reaction and behavior to be mutually compelling to a performance, and witnessing this exchange of energy from something you have produced is seriously stimulating and is a feeling incomparable to anything else.

Save the date: Asia Music Trip 2018

During near year's Term 1 holidays from 12-29 April 2018, Year 7 to 12 students will travel to Taipei and Tokyo for an enjoyable and educational music-themed adventure including guided tours, cultural experiences, museum and park visits, theme park fun, music tutoring, workshops, and performances! All current students taking part in music classes, music groups, or playing a musical instrument are eligible. To find out more or register for the trip, contact Mary Lin at mlin@baradene.school.nz.

NATIONAL MUSIC REPS



Congratulations to our eight National Music Representatives, whose hard work and passion for music have led to their selection for a number of well-respected national music groups.



Charlotte Mackenzie
National Youth
Symphonic Band



Zosia Herlihy-O'Brien
National Youth
Orchestra



Robertanna Moa
National Secondary
Schools Brass Band



Emily Carr
National Youth
Orchestra



Hannah Twomey
National Youth
Symphonic Band



Marianne Leigh
NZ Ukulele Youth
Development Squad



Gillian Mascarenhas
National Secondary
Schools Brass Band



Ina Repizo
NZ Ukulele Youth
Development Squad

SING IT

The Baradonnas, our acapella singing choir, hit the right note at the National Young Singers in Harmony in September.



The Baradonna Chorus has improved so much this year, and achieved seventh place at the National Young Singers in Harmony Chorus Championships with their choreographed and acapella numbers "Orange Coloured Sky" and "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes". The group is brimming with confidence, and looks forward to each rehearsal with loads of energy and passion. Director Jocosa Bruce is instrumental in making all the moves happen, and locks in the harmony in all the right places while encouraging the girls to improve week after week.

BUSINESS SUCCESS



Year 13 student Ruby O'Brien talks about Grub & Grow, the small business her team of eight Young Enterprise Scheme students created.



We are Bara Co-Op, and this year, a group of eight Year 13 students took part in the Young Enterprise Scheme creating the business Grub & Grow.

The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is an experiential programme where students around New Zealand set up and run a real business. Each YES company creates their own product or service and brings this to market. We are supported by business mentors and teachers from our school to help us get our product to market.

Our idea was to create a selection of the best healthy snacks around and bundle them up into a snack box, with the intention of finding a solution to the common problem of lacking new and exciting snacks to try.

Our journey was filled with many challenges. It was difficult to balance our time between school, extra-curricular activities, and making our vision become a reality.

However, it was an amazing experience that we all learned a lot from. We learned skills of communication, teamwork, confidence, and leadership, and we are very grateful for this opportunity.

We produced 50 Grub & Grow snack boxes, and have managed to sell over half of them online and through several stalls held within our school and community. Our boxes have been a huge hit with our customers, and we would like you to be a part of our journey. ■



To purchase a snack box or find out more about Grub & Grow, visit their website grubandgrow.mystorbie.com or follow @grubandgrow on Instagram or Facebook to contribute to this flourishing business.

STYLISHLY SUSTAINABLE



Turning rubbish into wearable art is all in a day's work for Cinderella's Fairy Godmother – but the Year 8 Technology students had a far bigger challenge without the aid of magic wands, says Judi Delbridge, Technology Acting HOF.

A classroom in the Barat Block at Baradene College resembled a jumble sale while the Year 8 Technology students got creative working to complete their 2017 Trash to Fashion masterpieces. Aiming to foster awareness of sustainable materials, Trash to Fashion is part of the Technology programme, teaching the students that trash can be treasure, and upcycling is in.

Thinking outside the square to produce an innovative garment from rubbish proved a tough task for the Year 8 students. The brief required students to work in teams to create garments to be produced only from waste, for a specific theme.

Plastic bags were fused, torn, woven, plaited, and laminated to make the base for many outfits. Rubber tubing was lit up with fairy lights, while plastic cups were threaded and glued to create skirts and dresses. Bubble wrap was decorated with CDs and transformed into a dress from outer space, while bird netting and torn magazines were shaped to create a garment in the Under the Sea category. Plastic spoons were the basis of the winner of the Food category – a popcorn-inspired creation. The culmination of the students' work was presented to parents and friends under colourful lighting on the catwalk.

Guest judges Samuel Francks, Lili Sutherland, and Anna Voss had a very difficult time, as the standard was excellent. They each concentrated on a different aspect of the garment – how well it worked with the theme, construction techniques, flair, and creativity. ■





#WINNERS

WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WERE:

Aotearoa:

Stella Bilger, Anya Silwood, Jessikah Bell

Alice in Wonderland:

Sam Daley, Renee Davies, Isabella Wilson

Outer Space:

Georgia Blore, Josephine McKenzie, Lydia Hall

Pacifica:

Amber Jackson, Jodie Oras, Stella Harkness

Fantasy:

Katherine Yovich, Ella McKanny, Perri Baker, Millie McHugh

Under the Sea:

Tyla Lennox, Katie Dew, Sera Tai

Flora and Fauna:

Charlotte Weston, Lucy Farrel, Lilly Williams

Food:

“Fryday”: Cayla Morriss, Aimee Ng, Neve Leary

“Candyfloss”: Charlotte Simpson, Samara O’Hagan,
Alexis Tuitavuki

“Piña Colada”: Sophie Toner, Maggie Culloty, Le Shan Ng

Architecture:

“House of Cards”: Charlotte Davidson, Niamh Evans,
Anya Southern

Circus:

“Fire Eater”: Sarah-Kate Moon, Abigail Hall, Tamsin Taylor





EXPLORING THE SAC



Last summer, two Year 12 students travelled half a world away on a month-long exchange to Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Boston, Massachusetts. They share their experiences.



JAIME LONGHURST & KAHLI BALLE



JAIME LONGHURST

“My experience was like no other”

Every exciting moment was followed by something just as interesting. My new host family took the time to make me feel welcome and introduce me to the ways of their life. I loved getting out and seeing parts of Boston, with everything blanketed in white snow. I was even lucky enough to spend a weekend in New York. My experience was like no other, and I have made friends I will remember and keep in touch with for a long time. I would recommend an exchange to anyone who is faced with the opportunity.



NEWTON COUNTRY DAY, BOSTON

KAHLI BALLE

“My exchange family felt like real family”

With only 400 students, it was smaller than Baradene; however, it was just as lively. Their classes were also different to Baradene, as they have science called anatomy (which is just the human body) and their history classes were all American-history based. By the time I had to leave, it hardly felt like a month had passed. I still keep in contact with the friends that I made, and my exchange family felt like real family. I’m so happy to have had this experience, and so grateful that Baradene has opportunities like this.

MOLLY HILLMAN

“I made so many loved

The experience was very in a taste of what life is like in student Ava was lovely and interests and got on very w foods and activities, includ Ava’s sports. I made so mar school and we all got on re a party get-together at the goodbye to each other. I re and I would encourage eve



SACRED HEART WORLD



Three Year 10 students popped across the ditch to Sacré Cœur School in Melbourne for a nine-day student exchange experience in Term Three.



CAITLIN O'CARROLL, MOLLY DOLAN & MOLLY HILLMAN



MOLLY DOLAN

“Everyone I met was so welcoming”

My host family showed me the best of Melbourne. We visited the beautiful Cathedral, Melbourne Square, Victoria Markets, Melbourne Star, and they even took me to an Australian Rules game at the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground. I caught the tram to school each day, and went around to classes with my homestay. Everyone I met was so welcoming, and happy to show us their beautiful, historic school. The exchange was an incredible experience, and something I will never forget.



SACRE COEUR, MELBOURNE

My friends”

interesting, as it gave me another city. My exchange was lucky, we had similar experiences! I experienced new things like high diving, one of my lovely friends at the school. We even had a good time at the end of the week to say goodbye. I really loved the experience and would love everyone to apply for the trip.



CAITLIN O'CARROLL

“My experience was truly unforgettable”

Highlights of the experience were sightseeing in Melbourne, and going to Sacré Cœur's Sacred Heart Week, which started off with a paper-scissors-rock championship! I watched a student-staff debate about whether or not technology should replace teachers, which the students won; attended the whole school mass and La Fête; and even kicked my first footy! The bonds and relationships that I formed on this exchange are friendships that I know will last much longer than our week-long exchange.



VINNIES SUPPORT RMH

A home-cooked meal for families in hospital made a delicious difference.

Baradene has a very active Vinnies team. During Term 3, 10 of our senior Vinnies members and Ann Turnbull from the Board of Trustees worked alongside the staff of Ronald McDonald House to serve dinner and provide entertainment for little ones who were in hospital. 20kg of potatoes, two large bags of onions, 15kg of carrots, and so much more were prepared by our wonderful Vinnies members the day before, creating a delicious family-friendly meal. A true team effort! This experience has been a highlight for our Baradene group. The opportunity to show love and care to these families made a lasting impression. "Thank you! It was such an incredible experience. I feel so honoured to have done this," said one of the students who participated.



Three community-minded students were nominated for this year's Caring Awards mass.

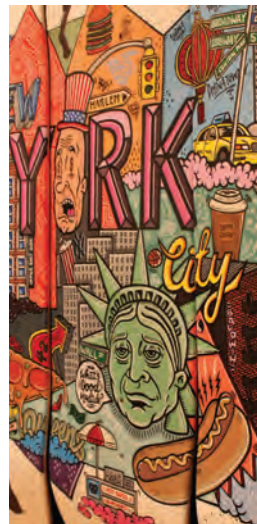
The Catholic Caring Foundation in Auckland has Bishop Patrick Dunn as patron, and is driven by its mandate to care for the most vulnerable of the vulnerable. The Caring Mass on Wednesday on 26 July was a special time to celebrate the work of our students who, along with other charities and organisations, make an outstanding contribution to caring and helping those in need in our diocese. The Bishop recognises in a special way, that students are very much a vital part of the community of care within the Diocese. Charlotte Washer, Marijaan Tane, and Hannah Twomey were nominated by Baradene College for the Caring Awards, as young leaders who show outstanding care and commitment to their communities.



ART WITH HEART

With a fancy new website and a swag of new artists and sponsors, the 2017 Baradene Art Show, the largest event run by the PTA, was once again an outstanding success.

139 artists' works adorned the walls of the auditorium for the 27th year of the Baradene Art Show, which kicked off with the Gala Opening Night event on 19 May. Some 600 guests enjoyed delicious food provided by Gatting's Catering, along with a glass of wine – or two – while taking advantage of the first buying opportunity of the show. The Art Show continued over the weekend, producing a staggering result of \$108,000 raised for the school. As per tradition, art has been purchased by the PTA and gifted to the school. The piece purchased this year – “Hydrangea in Galle”, by Margaret Petchell – is a large acrylic on canvas work which we have had framed and hung adjacent to the main reception area. The 2018 Baradene Art Show will be held Friday 18 through Sunday 20 May 2018. For more information, visit baradeneartshow.co.nz.



If you are interested in being part of the PTA, email pta@baradene.school.nz.

Money raised by the Art Show goes directly back to the school, and this year funds have been allocated for:

- Upgrading the Centennial Block science room to make it a fully operational lab
- Five new exercycles for the PE Department
- New “ezy-up” tents for the Sports Department
- Cello cases for the Music Department
- Money towards an archery kit
- Upgrading the furniture in the library



DADS AND DAUGHTERS

The Father Daughter Breakfast welcomed Alexia Hilbertidou of Girlboss, who inspired attendees with her empowering message.

This year saw the return of the popular PTA Father Daughter Breakfast. It was another sold-out event, with over 760 attendees. The MC was Stephen McIvor, and the event featured guest speaker Alexia Hilbertidou of GirlBoss. Alexia's inspirational presentation touched on providing pathways for girls into the STEM fields, particularly encouraging them to find mentors through her website girlboss.nz. The gorgeous biodegradable table settings helped create a very modern and edgy feel to the morning, while the delicious menu was created by Al Brown, father to two girls. The first course consisted of rhubarb and apple with Zany Zeus yoghurt, topped with dukkah. This was followed by a Kransky breakfast burrito, with hot cronuts to finish. Local families and the wider community provided numerous prizes for the raffles, which made for a very enjoyable breakfast.



WORLDS ORIENTEERING

In April, our junior girls orienteering team travelled to Sicily to compete at the Worlds event.

Chelsea Oliver, Penelope Salmon, Anna Duston, Lucy Burrell, and Rachel Buyck represented Baradene and New Zealand successfully, placing third at the World Schools Championship Orienteering in Sicily, Italy. The competition consisted of two races, in which the students earned enough points for their exciting overall finish on the podium. The students had an excellent time meeting orienteers from all over the world. The weeklong event included a cultural day and a fun event called “The Friendship Race,” where they were teamed up with athletes from other countries.

The Kiwi racing shirts were highly sought-after, and the team enjoyed swapping with other nationalities. The NZ team, which consisted of Baradene (Junior girls), MAGS (Junior boys), Napier Girls (Senior girls), and Napier Boys (Senior boys), performed a well-received haka and won the prestigious FairPlay Award. The Kiwi team met up for a week before the competition for some training on European terrain, and had fun making new friends and fine-tuning their skills.



It's exciting to know that Baradene orienteers are among the best in the world. Special mention must go to Anna Duston for her individual placing for the long event – fourth in the world, which is really outstanding. Our students return with a depth of knowledge and experience that they can share with the rest of the Baradene team. Many thanks to coach Hayley Smith, whose expert advice and guidance prepared the girls well for this competition, and especially to Rachel Buyck for all the organisation and enthusiasm she brought to the trip.

Since then, members of our 62-strong orienteering squad have competed at North Islands and Nationals. At both of these events we came away with many placings and ultimately were named top girls' school (for Years 9 to 13) at both.

For more sports information and reports, visit baradene.school.nz/sport and facebook.com/baradenesport. ■

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

SPORT

Jenna Merrick and Abigail Morton represented NZ at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas. Jenna came fourth in the Individual Time Trial and seventh in the 63km Road Race, while Abigail came second and received a Silver medal in the Individual Time Trial, and came sixth in the 63km Road Race.

“I remember reading the email in the middle of Biology. I leapt up and asked to be excused, and phoned my parents straightaway,” Jenna Merrick recalls of the day she learned she’d been selected to represent NZ at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas. Having been involved in cycling since Year 7, the Year 13 student found the Team NZ environment “second to none”, and felt supported to see her fellow team members come out to watch the races and cheer one another on.

She says that the road race was her favourite part of the Games, saying, “It was special standing on the starting line in NZ kit, thinking about how hard I’d worked back home to get here. I loved how I was exposed to such a different environment, and became a better rider for it.”

Year 12 student Abigail Morton says, “It was super hot in the Bahamas, but also really cool getting to meet all the athletes in the New Zealand team, as well as all the other athletes from around the world.”

After coming second in the Individual Time Trial, Abigail says that standing on the podium to receive her Silver medal made her feel “very overwhelmed – because it was not something I had ever expected to have happen. I also felt very proud to have represented New Zealand and to see the flag raised behind me.”

Both students credit the BEST Programme with helping them to succeed in their competitive cycling endeavours. “A successful performance doesn’t just come down to riding my bike hard,” says Jenna. “BEST gave me the opportunity to talk to the nutritionists, mental skills coaches who are top in their field, helping me to increase the effectiveness of my mind and the food I eat for fuel and recovery.”

Abigail agrees. “I would recommend applying to be part of the BEST programme, due to the massive amount of advice and support that is available to you, whatever sport you are in.” ■



NEW ZEALAND SPORT



Abigail Morton
New Zealand Youth
Commonwealth
Games Cycling Team



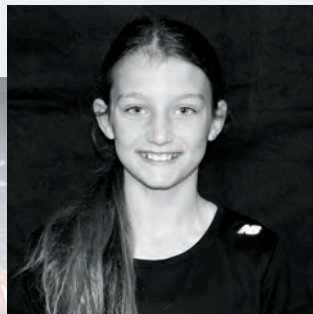
Valentina Serrano
New Zealand AFL
Womens Team



Samantha Milicich
New Zealand Under 17
Water Polo Team



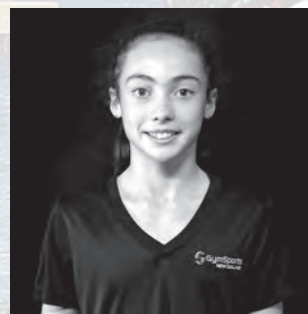
Olivia Casey
New Zealand Under 16
Water Polo Team



Charlotte Goldsmith
New Zealand
Athletics to compete
at Pacific Games



Molly Penfold
New Zealand Under 16
Touch Team



Havana Hopman
New Zealand
Rhythmic
Gymnastics Team



Jenna Merrick
New Zealand Youth
Commonwealth
Games Cycling Team
and New Zealand
Under 19 Road Team



Petra Buyck
New Zealand Junior
Orienteering Team

SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES



Lilly Parke
New Zealand Under 14
Basketball Team



Kate Vernal
New Zealand
18 & Under Junior
Women's Inline
Hockey Team



Lucy Burrell
New Zealand Junior
Orienteering Team
& New Zealand
Secondary Schools Team



Abby Murphy
New Zealand Under 18
Futsal Team



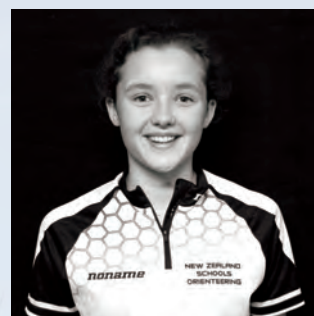
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& New Zealand
Secondary Schools Team



**Ella O'Connell-
Biddlecombe**
New Zealand Under 18
Futsal Team



Chelsea Oliver
New Zealand Junior
Orienteering Team



Penelope Salmon
New Zealand Junior
Orienteering Team



Nadia Olla
New Zealand Under 19
Football Team



Sera Tai
New Zealand Under 14
Indoor
Netball Team



TOURNAMENTS

Our Sports teams obtained some outstanding results from recent tournaments.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Football

What a fantastic tournament our first XI Football team has had. We are the fourth best team in New Zealand. Following pool play, the team moved their play up to the

next level, and played hard to win their next two matches, progressing them further to top four. This is the best that Baradene has ever achieved, and the girls are very proud to make the top four in New Zealand. The semi-final, in particular, was a nail-biting match against MAGS (last year's winners) which went to penalty shootouts. We narrowly lost 3-2 in the penalty shootout (so close!). The girls' team spirit was commendable; they worked extremely hard in each game, with a fantastic attitude and showing strong support for each other.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming

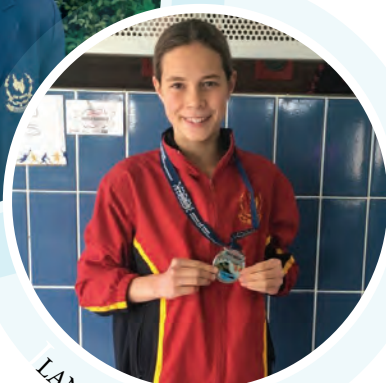
Amazing results were gained in Hamilton at the recent Nationals. Points are awarded for top eight results in each event, and from our results, Baradene was placed fourth top girls' school in New Zealand! We also have three National Champions, with first placings coming from Emily Whitehead in the 16-18 years 50m Breaststroke; the Open Medley relay team of Simone Lusby, Emily Whitehead, Rebecca Smolicic, and Summer Miln; and Olivia Upston in the Multi-Class 100 Breaststroke. On top of this, we gained eight second placings and four thirds.

AIMS Swimming

Congratulations to Lanihei Connolly, who secured a Silver Medal at the AIMS Games in the 10-11 Years Old 50m Breaststroke. She also gained two fourth placings in the 100m IM and 100m Breaststroke, and Sixth in 50m Freestyle.



OLIVIA UPSTON



LANIHEI CONNOLLY

CYCLING FOR A CAUSE

SPORT

2017 Poverty Cycle Social Service Leaders Erica Dysart, Bridie Lloyd, Isabella Morton, and Helena White report on this year's Tearfund charity cycling event.

On 26 August, two Baradene Teams cycled a total of 100km at the Tearfund Poverty Cycle, which took place in Clevedon. They finished in third and fifth place, raising an incredible \$7,597 to help Tearfund's work to protect people vulnerable to trafficking and worker exploitation. In total, \$130,000 was raised from the event, helping to give Tearfund the ability to protect, restore, empower, and nourish those who are exposed to poverty from human trafficking, natural disasters, and inadequate resources. Tearfund's Laura Brookes says, "It's an honour for us to have schools like yours on board (for the second year in a row, too!) making such a significant difference both here in NZ and on a global scale."



GROWING HEART NEWS



UK-based Baradene alumnae enjoyed a special evening in London with Baradene College Principal Sandy Pasley.

On 13 July, the Growing Heart Foundation held a gathering for UK and London alumnae at the Penthouse, New Zealand House, in London. Sandy Pasley met with a group of approximately 50 alumnae, who enjoyed an evening catching up with old friends and making new connections. The evening was a reminder that the lasting friendships, shared experiences, and sense of belonging we enjoy as members of the Baradene community are very special and something to be valued.

We are very grateful to our MC, alumna Robyn Allardice-Bourne, immediate Past President of the New Zealand Society, who assisted us greatly with the event. Robyn and alumna Emilia Wickstead (fashion designer) spoke at the gathering and entertained all with stories of their time at Baradene. Thank you both, Robyn and Emilia. You can view photographs from the event overleaf.



Thank you to our donors

Thank you to the supportive alumnae and friends of Baradene who have made donations to Growing Heart since our launch.

Plan ahead for next year

Next year, the Development Office will be working on a Capital Campaign which will be launched early in 2018 to support the new capital projects in the College.



**GROWING
HEART**
Foundation

How to donate:

With the support of our generous community, the Growing Heart Foundation can safeguard the outstanding education received by Baradene students now and into the future. If you would like to make a donation or discuss how to include a gift to Growing Heart as part of your legacy, please get in touch. All donations entitle you to a tax deduction of up to 33%.

For further information, to register for events, or to be included in our email list to receive Growing Heart news and event details, please contact Development Manager Stephanie Graham sgraham@baradene.school.nz or (09) 524 6019 ext 865.

ROBYN ALLARDICE-BOURNE, Class of 1981

At the recent alumnae gathering held in London, Robyn gave an entertaining address elaborating on her varied and interesting life, telling her fellow alumnae of her time designing hats for movies, TV shows, and various members of the Royal family. She was also involved with the *Spitting Image* political satire team of the 1980s and 1990s, and has had a varied writing career.

Robyn is a Senior Consultant Solicitor at Setfords Solicitors in London, and was listed as one of London's Rising Stars in the Super Lawyers List for 2015/16 by the global business and legal publishers, Thomson Reuters in Family Law. She sits on the Family Law Advisory Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales.

Robyn started her London career as a Eurobond fiscal agent, a role she got because they thought Robyn would be a man and were very surprised to find a woman arrive. Robyn is also involved as an ambassador for Code First Girls, a social enterprise scheme. She is also a patron of Firstlight, a charity providing grassroots support to ex-forces suffering with PTSD, and is a keen supporter of the charity Masada.

**EMILIA WICKSTEAD, Class of 2001**

A guest speaker at the alumnae gathering in London in July, fashion designer Emilia started her own business in 2008, and now has a flagship store in Sloane Street, London. She has received many nominations and awards, and her clients include Samantha Cameron and the Duchess of Cambridge. As well as managing her thriving and expanding business, Emilia is married and has two small children.

Emilia spoke very fondly of her years at Baradene. She recalled very clearly her mother driving her past the "big peach palace". At Baradene she met girls "who are still my best girlfriends today; we talk all the time, we are in touch all the time, they were my bridesmaids at my wedding."

Emilia said her days at Baradene were truly among the happiest memories and times of her life. She emphasised her belief that Baradene brought about a big part of her personality. "It was just a really, really heart-warming and incredible experience, so I have a lot to thank Baradene for, and I think it has made me the person that I am today. The teachers I had, the friendships I made, and all of the fun that I had!" she said. She hopes that one day it will be her turn to give back to the students at Baradene.



AN EVENING WITH THE PRINCIPAL

On 13 July, the Growing Heart Foundation held a gathering for UK and London alumnae at the Penthouse, New Zealand House, in London. View more photos from the event on the Gallery page of our website at baradene.school.nz/our-community/growing-heart-foundation/growing-heart-galleries.





FOUNDATION REPORT

On 23 June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, The Growing Heart Foundation held a lunch for Alumnae and friends in the Lakeside Room at the beautiful Villa Maria Estate. Alumna Dame Rosanne Meo was our engaging and vivacious MC.

Dame Rosanne spoke about how grateful she is to Baradene for her education, and referred to the strong bonds that we enjoy as members of the Baradene community. She also shared our aspirations for the Growing Heart Foundation and explained its importance to the future of Baradene. She reminded us to ask, “What more can and should we do for future generations of Baradene girls?” and suggested that we all aim to give back to Baradene even just a little of what we have been given.

Alumna Karen Fistonich was our entertaining guest speaker, recollecting her personal journey from being a shy and quiet Baradene student to serving on the Board of a variety of businesses and charities, as well as serving as Chair at Villa Maria Estate for the last 10 years.

All guests enjoyed beautiful food and lovely Villa Maria wines, and together we raised approximately \$6,000 for the Growing Heart Foundation. Thank you to our hosts Villa Maria and our guests for your support. Thank you also to our generous donors – Business World Travel, Gattings Events and Catering, Mary-Louise Browne, Baradene Alumnae Association, Catherine David Design, The Vault, Farro Fresh, Jewelarto, and Caci Newmarket – for donating prizes to auction and raffle.



Event: Ayrilies Garden Saturday 28 October

Please support the Growing Heart Foundation in its main fundraising event of the year by joining us at Bev McConnell's stunning private garden, Ayrilies, in Whitford. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit baradene.school.nz/etickets/ayrlies-a-day-garden or contact Stephanie Graham sgraham@baradene.school.nz or 09 524 6019 ext 865.

Our thanks to Bev McConnell and alumna Robyn Goulding for their generous assistance with this event.



ERICA PABST AWARD

Two University of Auckland Law students recently received a prestigious scholarship in memory of a Baradene alumna.

On 7 August, Baradene and the University of Auckland presented the 2018 Erica Pabst Scholarships for Equity and Justice to Sarah Rainsbury and Jessika Tuhega. Sarah and Jessika are photographed receiving their awards from Edmund Lawler, Chair of the Board of Baradene College Limited.

The Scholarship honours Sister Erica Pabst, an alumna of both Baradene and the University of Auckland. Sister Pabst completed a law degree before entering the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1939. The Scholarship was established in 2011 by Erskine alumna Lynda Park.

Lynda is pictured above with Jessika and Sarah and previous recipients of the Scholarship Ellen Ryan, Rhea Pereira, Grace Lee and Katherine Yip together with Gavin Rennie, Sandy Pasley, Edmund Lawler, and Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ.





WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

After leaving Baradene, sisters Francesca, Charlotte, and Louisa Nicklin each went on to graduate from university with First Class Honours in their chosen majors, and credit Baradene with helping lay the foundations for their current successes.

FRANCESCA NICKLIN **Class of 2005**

Former Head Girl Francesca credits the general attitude at Baradene and the school's goals as influencing her in her later life. Amusingly, she recalls conducting her Head Girl duties at the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass while painted blue for her later performance as Captain Franet (a take on the Captain Planet cartoon character) in the Student Executive skit at the FOSH concert!

After leaving Baradene, Francesca spent time in a field study centre in Snowdonia, Wales, then travelled Europe, returning to New Zealand to study at the University of Canterbury. She graduated with a BE (Hons) First Class in Mechanical Engineering in 2011.

The skills Francesca learned as Head Girl, including public speaking and event organisation, have been most helpful in her career. Francesca is employed by the professional service consultancy company Beca, and has worked on the design of a large number of drinking water treatment plants in New Zealand and Australia.

CHARLOTTE NICKLIN **Class of 2006**

Charlotte remembers her first public performance: Singing at FOSH, an experience that led her to singing at Mass and in school productions. Those early experiences resulted in Charlotte becoming a singer in many different bands and choirs as well as playing gigs and recording music. She was an exchange student at the University of La Rochelle, and graduated from Victoria University in 2012 with a BA (First Class Honours), triple-majoring in French, Music, and Linguistics.

Charlotte is now a French teacher and Year 9 Dean at Marist College in Mt Albert. She believes that the social studies and life lessons taught to her by Mrs Browson, her Year 9 teacher at Baradene, have had a direct impact on her career as a teacher. Charlotte also conducts the junior choir at Marist.

Charlotte attributes her passion for community service to the impact of the social awareness programme she completed at Baradene, and she's grateful to the College for helping her develop a strong social conscience.

LOUISA NICKLIN **Class of 2011**

Louisa started at Baradene in 2005, when her older sisters were in their final years. She can clearly remember Francesca as Head Girl in her first year, and Charlotte singing in that FOSH concert!

Louisa left Baradene in 2011, studying at Victoria University. She graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Music majoring in Instrumental/Vocal Composition, receiving her First Class Honours in Composition in 2016.

Louisa has twice been a finalist in the NZSO Todd Corporation Young Composers Award, and in 2016, was awarded the Matthew Marshall Prize for Classical Guitar Composition. Louisa now plays in band, writes contemporary classical music and music for bands, and teaches music to children. This year, she was a successful applicant for the SOUNZ NZ Composer Sessions. Louisa is most grateful for the friendships she formed here.

GAËTANE AUSTIN**Class of 1958**

Fijian citizen and businesswoman Gaëtane Austin first went to school at Marist Convent in Levuka, then St Joseph's in Suva, before coming to Baradene. She is co-founder and Director of Pure Fiji, which was registered in 2001, has become her overwhelming passion. The only local cosmetics manufacturing company in Fiji, it sources ingredients from local communities and is popular internationally. A founding Governor of the International School, Gaëtane also served on the Board of Governors. She was also a founding member of Vision Fiji. She has been on the SPCA Committee, St Joseph's, St Vincent de Paul, the Environment Committee, and the Government

Committee organising the celebration of 25 years of Fiji's independence. She was a member of the Queen's Highway and Villages Beautification project, and a member of the Board of PATA. Of her Baradene experience, Gaëtane says that without the education, discipline, and values which were inculcated in her as a Boarder, she would not be the person she is now. She credits Mother Maher as one of the major influences in her life, saying, "I regret that one realises certain values not at the time when they could be most valued, but long after, when we have perhaps weathered certain storms in life and survived them. After all, we live in a time where we have mastered the art of 'liking' each other on Facebook, but have forgotten the art of loving each other in real life. Oscar Wilde encapsulated this current ideology by writing, 'Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.' It is time we did our best to reverse this perception."

**DR MARY-LOUISE KEARNEY****Class of 1965**

On 11 May, Baradene alumna Dr Mary-Louise Kearney spoke to the girls at the Assembly to launch Peace Week.

Dr Kearney studied at the University of Auckland and then at the Sorbonne, University of Paris. After working in education in both New Zealand and France, including a period teaching at Baradene, Dr Kearney joined UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris) where she held senior professional and Director posts in Higher Education and in External Relations. In 2009 she established Kearney Consulting, collaborating with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

Her current activities include a role as Senior Research Fellow in Higher Education at Oxford University, Honorary Research Fellow at Auckland University, membership of the Oxford Education, and the Auckland University Societies and association with the International Federation of University Women, and the New Zealand Global Women Forum. Dr Kearney works between Europe and New Zealand.

**WE WOULD LOVE
TO HEAR YOUR STORIES**

Baradene alumnae are doing many exciting and wonderful things in their careers and lives, and we would love to stay connected.

To share your story, please email sgraham@baradene.school.nz.

Mel Watson, President of the Alumnae Association, reports on the recent High Tea and Five-Year Reunion.

The Alumnae Association calendar has been a busy one so far in 2017. We have grown our committee to a group of eight enthusiastic women, whose attendance at Baradene spans around 20 years.

Since the last issue of *Baradene Heart*, we have held our annual High Tea and Meritae Award Ceremony (see photos on facing page). This year we moved the event to the Auditorium, so we were among many of our past pupils, scholars, and head girls whose achievements were proudly displayed on the walls around us. We were excited and honoured that Wanda Ellis, QSM, accepted our 2017 Meritae Award. Dorothy Bennett and Matt Elliott both spoke about Wanda and her extraordinary life, being brought up in Poland and separated from her family, then moving to New Zealand with her brother when she was only 14 years old.

We also celebrated with the five-year leavers (Class of 2012) in August, inviting them back to the College for drinks and canapés. Principal Sandy Pasley and many teachers also attended. Thanks to Alice Gallagher for organising this event, along with the Head Girl from 2012, Aimee Riley, and the Deputy Heads, Sophie Dodson and Isabella Lawrence.

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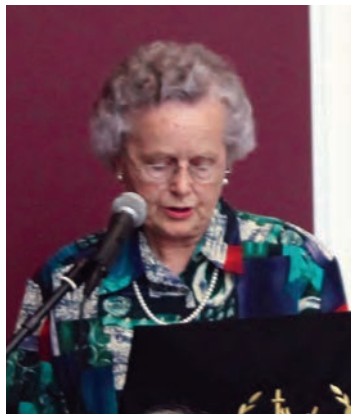
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If you want to connect or perhaps organise a reunion for your year, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you.

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TEA AND INSPIRATION



EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF COR UNUM



The fifth recipient of the Cor Unum Meritae Award, Helena Wanda Ellis, QSM, is an inspiration whose life has been characterised by service, faith, and courage in the face of tragedy.

Growing up in Poland in the days before the Second World War, Helena Wanda Ellis, known as Wanda, remembers a free, peaceful life as one of seven children. From her early years, the Catholic faith was an important part of her family life. Her father, Stanislaw Pelc, was one of only four people in their village who could read and write, and his talent for sculpting and painting was nurtured by an uncle, who was a Franciscan friar. Following his service in the Polish-Bolshevik War, Stanislaw was awarded 18 acres of land in Wołyń, near the Russian border, where he and Wanda's mother Stanislawa established a farm. An uncle came to live with the family, taking over the day-to-day running of the farm, which allowed Stanislaw to continue his work as an artist. During this time, he created many religious statues and carvings for various people and churches in the area, a visible manifestation of the Catholic faith the family held dear.

The family's life was marred by tragedy, however. Wanda's eldest brother, Jan, died of diphtheria before Wanda's birth in 1928. And in the midst of Wanda's happy childhood, as she grew older, so too did the political situation in interwar Europe become more unstable and dangerous. In September 1939, following the German invasion of western Poland, Soviet forces invaded eastern Poland. On 19 February 1940, when Wanda was only 11 years old, Soviet soldiers entered her home and informed the family that they had one hour to gather warm clothing and bedding – they were among the 1.5 million Poles being deported. Wanda and her parents, her brother and sisters Jadwiga, Izabella, and Czesław, along with their uncle Gierard Szuba, were sent to a gulag – a forced labour camp.

Conditions were harsh, with little food, back-breaking labour, and disease rife among the prisoners. Wanda and her siblings were forced to attend school in camp, learning Russian and how “good” Communists behaved. The only picture on the wall of their schoolroom was of Joseph Stalin, whom the children were taught to revere in place of God

– but Wanda’s sister Izabella commented that their father told them that God lived in heaven; you couldn’t see him, but he was there.” For her innocent remark, Stanislaw was taken away and interrogated all night.

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When the family was released from the camp in 1941, they became refugees, advised to travel south to Tashkent in Uzbekistan. Sadly, Izabella had died in the gulag, so it was with one less member the family embarked on a journey that was almost worse than their first deportation. They ended up in a small village near the Persian border, living in mud huts called kibitkas. In February 1942, Wanda’s uncle Gierard died, and later that same year, Stanislaw also passed away at the age of 49. Wanda and her brother suffered from dysentery and lice, and when Wanda was 13, she and her nine-year-old brother were sent to an orphanage in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan – a necessary move to avoid starvation.

Wanda’s mother and sister were still alive – but after refusing to accept forced Russian citizenship, they were imprisoned for two years. Meanwhile, Wanda and her brother were among 200 orphans who were moved to Persia, now known as Iran. As Polish refugees, they were transported to New Zealand along with more than 800 others – arriving in Wellington on 1 November 1944. The Polish Children’s Camp in Pahiatua became the children’s first home in New Zealand.

And this is where Wanda’s connection with Baradene College begins, as she was offered the opportunity to attend the Catholic boarding school of Sacré Cœur, as Baradene was then known, in order to learn English. Wanda arrived at Baradene on 5 February 1945, and for three years, she was cared for by the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and settled into New Zealand life.

“The nuns were fantastic,” Wanda later wrote. “Mother Margaret Maher was in charge of discipline. Dear little Mother Mary Power always carried a little box with a rubber-band around it. We would go to breakfast after Mass, but she would make us say a prayer before we went.”

In 1946, Wanda learned that her mother and sister had been released from prison and repatriated to Poland, where they were reunited with Wanda’s two older sisters. As Poland was under Communist rule, Wanda and her brother Czesław were unable to return to live with their family. Wanda never saw her mother again, as she died in 1954.

In 1949, Wanda married Frank Power, adopting four children during their marriage. Sadly, their youngest child died from a heart problem when she was only a few months old. In 1954-55, the family lived in America, and during this time Wanda began to speak about her experiences as a prisoner and refugee. In 1972, Wanda was finally able to visit her three living sisters in Poland.

In the 1960s, Wanda’s husband Frank was badly injured in a car accident, and became paraplegic. After his death, Wanda met Tom Ellis, a widower with four children. They married in 1973. Tragically, Wanda’s beloved daughter Karen died in 2014, at the age of 53.

Wanda was one of the founders of the Auckland Polish Association, and worked at St Peter’s College for 25 years, where she became the inaugural recipient of their Petrus Award in 1996. She was also the Knight’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in 2004, and the Siberian Cross in 2006, which commemorates the sufferings of the Poles who were deported to Siberia. In 2014, the Superior General of the Society of Christ Fathers for Poles Living Abroad recognised Wanda for the work she has done for the Polish community in New Zealand. In 2015, Wanda was awarded the Queen’s Service Medal for her services to the community.

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Wanda’s life has been marked by tragedy and challenges, but is a testament to her resilience and also to the friendship, community, and security she must have found as a student at Baradene all those years ago. As the fifth recipient of the Cor Unum Meritae Award, her service for the good of the community is richly deserving of recognition by the Baradene Alumnae Association.

“Baradene moulded me into what I am now and was the first step in me doing things the way they should be done,” Wanda wrote. “I wanted to be a good Catholic, friend, and neighbour. For all my life I regarded Baradene as another home.

“Those three years at Baradene were the beginning of my real life.”

Wanda’s autobiography My Colourful Life can be ordered by emailing jacek@orcon.net.nz or phone 09 480 0288.

The Cor Unum Meritae Award

was inaugurated in 2013, and recognises an alumna who has had the courage to take on significant challenges, shown integrity, and constantly striven for excellence in their career while embracing the philosophy of the Sacred Heart in their lives. Applications close on 30 June of each year. To nominate an alumna for this award, visit baradenealumnae.co.nz/alumnae-meritae-award



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Left at rear: Rob Everitt (father of Emily), Louise Morton (mother of Isabella). Right at rear: Tony Everitt (father of Sophie), Judith Everitt (Mother of Mackenzie and Georgia).

Central group seated (mufti): Sandy Pasley, Mary-Lu Everitt (mother of Molly), Glenda Everitt (grandmother), Mackenzie Round. Front semi-circle in uniform: Isabella Morton, Emily Everitt, Molly Busfield, Sophie Everitt, Georgia Round.

This multi-generational family photo shows the special connection the Everitt family has had with Baradene College throughout the past five decades.

The Everitt family has a long association with Baradene. Chris and Glenda Everitt sent their four daughters Judith, Louise, Mary-Lu, and Rosemary to school here in the 1970s, 1980s, and early 1990s. Last year, five Everitt siblings all had girls at Baradene. Pictured are Sandy Pasley and Glenda Everitt with five Everitt siblings Rob, Louise, Tony, Judith, and Mary-Lu, with their daughters Isabella, Emily, Molly, Sophie, and Georgia. Mackenzie also attended Baradene, leaving in 2014.

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“Working in an environment of driven, hard-working girls has developed my resilience and a broad skillset”

Our three student leaders of 2017 say farewell, reflecting on the lessons learned and experiences shared during their time at Baradene, and looking to the future.

MARIJAAN TANE
Deputy Head Girl 2017

I will take away from Baradene:

The close friends I have made at Baradene have had such a great impact on my life, and I will always be so grateful for their support, as well as the encouragement from my teachers and peers. I am also forever grateful for the gift of connection, through the Kapa Haka group, to my Māori heritage. The community and wairua of the group will always stay with me.

The Future: I want to always push the envelope, using my creative abilities to work at the leading edge of new frontiers, inspiring others and working with like-minded people. At University, I plan to do an Arts and Business conjoint, as I believe it will not only stretch me, but also allow me to grow in an atmosphere that encourages innovation and supports my entrepreneurial spirit.

Funny moment: Every Friday in Year 7, five minutes before we'd go home, our class would go “willy nilly” – we'd sing a made-up chant, then everyone ran around the classroom with their hands in the air going crazy and dancing. It was such fun, even our teacher Ms Joseph would join in!

SASKIA WHISTON
Head Girl 2017

I will take away from Baradene:

The spirit of sisterhood and community. There is such a unique sense of unity between students. It has taught me the importance of positive relationships and the strength and encouragement that can be found in a community, and no matter what the circumstance, there is always the opportunity to offer love and support to those around us.

The Future: I aim to complete a Bachelor of Laws and Arts at Victoria University, utilising my passions for language, writing, and empowering. I aspire to work on an international level and make the most of my skills and opportunities, using this platform to have a positive impact on the wider community. I also hope to pursue my dream of becoming an author!

Funny moment: In Year 10, my four-year-old school shoes were starting to wear down, and the sole became unstuck from the rest of the shoe. I was called up in assembly and had to awkwardly slide my feet to get me to the front, so that I wouldn't have to walk up with the sole flapping loose and loudly slapping the floor!

BRITNEY CLASPER
Deputy Head Girl 2017

I will take away from

Baradene: Skills gained from utilising the extensive opportunities on offer. Working in an environment of driven, hard-working girls has developed my resilience and a broad skillset that will be applicable in all aspects of life beyond school, and will enable me and all seniors to succeed in life beyond Baradene.

The Future: I will be studying a BCom and LLB conjoint at the University of Auckland. I'm confident that by working hard and taking on available opportunities, I'll be able to realise and develop a passion for a career that provides the chance to work with top corporations and travel overseas.

Funny moment: Coming to the college as a naïve Year 7, I carried the world's biggest backpack for a solid three years. This was much to the entertainment of staff and students alike, as it looked as if I was heading off on a week-long tramp in the bush, every day. It took me that long to realise that MacPac was the way to go.

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A Day in the Garden

Invitation to Ayrilies



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When: Saturday 28 October 2017 from 10.30am until 3pm

Where: 125 Potts Road, Whitford (Approximately 40 minutes from the city)

Speaker: Xanthe White (alumna)

Ticket: \$45 (includes complimentary tea or coffee and slice on arrival)

Lunch: \$25 Gattings' lunch boxes can be pre-ordered (optional)

Tickets and lunch boxes are on sale until Tuesday 24 October.

Tickets can be purchased online at:

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Ayrilies provides wonderful views across the wetland garden to Rangitoto Island and the Hauraki Gulf. Please bring your friends, garden enthusiasts, bird watchers, nature lovers, and walkers and enjoy a lovely day out while raising funds for Baradene's Growing Heart Foundation.



Important information

Please note, this event will go ahead rain or shine – unfortunately NO REFUNDS can be given. The garden contains rolling terrain, some steep with steps. Exploring the wetlands takes an additional hour and is for the keen and able. We regret no children under 12 or dogs are permitted in the garden.

Thank you to Bev McConnell for her generosity in allowing us to use her beautiful garden as a fundraiser for Baradene's Growing Heart Foundation. Thank you also to alumnae Robyn Goulding and Xanthe White, Gattings' Events and Catering, the Farrell family (Farrell's Nursery), and the Paddis family (Coca Cola Amatil) for their assistance with this event.

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