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Our student leaders at the annual Lantern Procession, held on the eve of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Pictured from left: Jodi Orias (Deputy Head Girl), Abigail Mak (Head Girl), and Jenna Whiteman (Deputy Head Girl).

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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



Gill Chappell, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, reminds us how proud we are to be part of such a vibrant, strong, active Baradene College community.

At each of its meetings, the School Board takes great delight and heart in hearing about the students' activities, whether they be extra-curricular activities, community masses, celebrations, camps, or retreats. These are usually reported to us by the Principal and the Student Representative. Those Board members who are parents will also receive updates from their daughters, while others will follow the school's weekly newsletters or social media.

From our perspective, participation and engagement are key features of a well-rounded student, and are consistent with the five Sacred Heart Goals. One of the things we look for as a Board is the breadth of activities and evidence of participation and inclusion. The successes – which are many – are the icing on the cake. Research tells us that students actively engaged in school are also likely to attend regularly, and we know that regular attendance is integral to academic achievement. During the pandemic, many schools have experienced a dramatic drop in regular school attendance, with a corresponding lowering of results and students leaving school altogether. Baradene has been fortunate not to have experienced such declines, though some absence through illness has been noticeably higher than before the pandemic. One of the positive outcomes of the past few years is that Baradene students have developed a greater appreciation for being able to attend school in person. We attribute the high level of student engagement and desire to attend school to systems such as the College's pastoral care programme and its wide range of extra-curricular activities, as well as the significant support and respect from our students' families and the wider Baradene College community.

This year's strategic plan review consultation process overwhelmingly confirmed very strong support for the College and its direction. As part of the review process, one of the changes we have made is to acknowledge that we wish to equip students with the skills necessary not just to have the personal confidence, resilience, and communication abilities to convey themselves wisely and persuasively, but also to be able to use these skills to prepare themselves for high-level leadership.

This issue of *Growing Heart* shines a light on a few of Baradene's sporting successes at the Commonwealth Games, the School Ball, and the Lantern Procession – some of the many activities our students and alumnae participate in. We hope you enjoy celebrating their participation and successes as much as we do as a Board.



Shine a light



Principal Sandy Pasley celebrates some of the highlights of the Baradene community this year.

The warmth and blossom of spring are very welcome this year, as we look forward to longer and sunnier days ahead. During the winter months we had high numbers of both staff and students off with sickness, either COVID-19 or winter flu and ills. Despite these challenges, the Ministry of Education has recently released figures confirming that Baradene has maintained a very high level of attendance throughout. This demonstrates that our students are engaged with their schooling and value being present at school and learning with their peers. We are grateful for the support of our parent community, who have encouraged their daughters to attend school and have supported them in their studies. We work in partnership with you to ensure our students make the most of their educational opportunities at Baradene.

“It has been so rewarding to return to enjoying opportunities to come together as a community and share our faith.”

Engagement with school and high attendance is critical to future success. Enjoying your time at school makes it easier to stay engaged. At Baradene we have high participation in extra-curricular activities which build personal skills for each student and community among students; this in turn increases enjoyment and engagement. To name just a few such activities, over the winter months students have been involved with winter sports, music concerts and competitions, singing competitions, drama productions, dance competitions, and supporting charitable initiatives such as a coat drive and Tear Fund Poverty Cycle. We encourage all students to make the most of the extra-curricular activities on offer at Baradene to enhance their school life and develop as well-rounded people.

It has been so rewarding to return to enjoying opportunities to come together as a community and share our faith. We have celebrated St Madeleine Sophie Barat's Feast Day and the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and during August we also welcomed grandparents into the school for the Feast of the Assumption. At this Mass, we especially remembered and prayed for Celia and her family. The school community was greatly saddened by the loss of Celia in August, and our thoughts remain with our young student's family. During this difficult time, we felt very supported by the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to us by other schools.

These special masses are so important to the spirit of our community, and we have missed them greatly over the last few years. Students have also enjoyed reflecting on their faith journey during retreats at Willow Park.



Grandparents were our special guests at the Feast of the Assumption Mass.

Social Media

Each generation of young women has their own set of challenges. Previous generations had to break out of the roles expected of them by society, seeking equal opportunities to pursue careers outside of the normal sphere, and many became trailblazers in their fields and well-respected in their professions.

Although the battle for equality has improved – with pay equity in progress, and the younger generations of women will not face constraints women in the past have had – this generation faces a new challenge: How to navigate their way safely through the complicated world of social media. When used appropriately, social media can be a valuable tool. However, social media can sometimes promote a one-dimensional view of a person which fails to recognise individual talents, ignores overall merit, and rates them on appearance alone. Judgement is made based on how you look rather than who you are as a person, your moral compass, and personal decency. In this way, social media does not serve our students well. Later in this magazine you will read some interesting insights on the impact of social media by alumna and current parent, Dr Eunice Gaerlan Price, who has completed a PhD on the topic of Girls, Identity and Social Media.

Recently John Parsons, a cyber safety consultant, spoke to both students and parents about digital communication

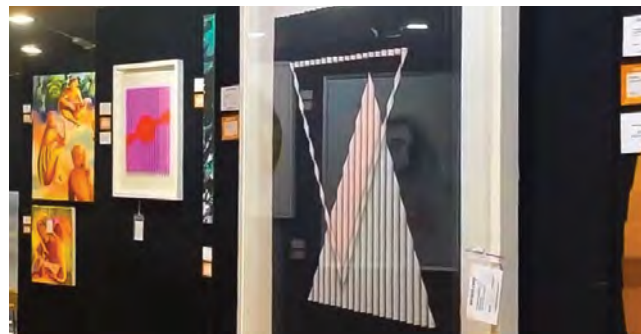
technology and social media. John is the author of *Keeping Your Children Safe Online*, and we have made John's resources available in school newsletters so parents can be supported in their role in assisting their daughters to safely navigate this evolving world.

Makerspace

Thanks to the generosity of our parent and wider community, Baradene Giving Week raised almost \$90,000 to allow us to buy the advanced technological equipment needed to fit out our Makerspace. We are well advanced with purchasing the equipment, starting with virtual reality sets, and are in the process of setting up the Makerspace. It will be a fantastic future-focussed resource for our girls, and we are excited to be underway with this project.

Art Show

After the difficulties of holding large gatherings over the last few years, it was so pleasing to enjoy the special community fundraising experience and social connection on display at the Baradene Art Show. Each year our dedicated PTA hold this superb event, which raises much-needed funds for the school. Thank you to all those who assisted in making this year's show another success.



Both the Makerspace campaign and the Art Show provide ways in which our community works together to support Baradene. Some people are able to volunteer their time, while others make donations or purchases, and together we can provide important resources to enhance the educational experience for all students at Baradene. We are fortunate to be part of such a giving and supportive community.

A Fond Farewell

We are looking forward to celebrating our students' achievements in the weeks to come and to farewelling our Year 13 students as they leave Baradene ready to take their place as global citizens equipped with their Sacred Heart education.

Commonwealth Games

Portia Bing (Class of 2010) had an amazing games, performing strongly in the heats and semi-finals of the 400m Hurdles and qualifying for the final, becoming the first New Zealand woman to do so!



Photos by Alisha Lovrich (Class of 2011)

Portia Bing



Fran Jonas

Fran Jonas (Class of 2021) and her teammates produced an amazing effort to win the Bronze medal match by eight wickets against hosts England in the Commonwealth Games T20 Cricket Tournament at Edgbaston in Birmingham.

As the team's left-arm spinner, Fran played an integral part in the victory, taking two wickets for 22 runs, her best results in her international career so far!



Havana Hopman



Havana Hopman (Class of 2021) had a great Commonwealth Games, representing New Zealand in rhythmic gymnastics at the Birmingham Arena. Havana qualified for the all-around final and finished in the top 10. She also qualified for the final of the clubs apparatus. Havana performed a great set to “No Heroes” by Firebeatz & KSHMR and finished a fabulous fourth in the clubs final, narrowly missing a Bronze medal.

In addition, Havana has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships being held in Sofia, Bulgaria.



Lanihei Connolly (Year 12) is the back-to-back 2021-2022 NZ Age Group Champion for the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. She made her debut as a 16-year-old at the Commonwealth Games, Birmingham 2022, for the Cook Islands and was the youngest competitor on the Cook Islands team.

On the day she made her debut at the Games, she broke her personal best in the 50m Breaststroke, set a new Cook Islands National record, and made Cook Islands history by being the first to make a qualification in a semi-final at this level.

In her individual events, Lanihei set four new personal bests, three national Cook Islands records, and made two semi-finals.

Lanihei Connolly





LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

Baradene's Lantern Procession is held the night before Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrations.

Each year, alumnae are welcome to attend the Lantern Procession with the Year 13 students. This tradition is continued from one very much enjoyed by boarders at Baradene in years gone by. Boarders will remember that on the night before the Feast of the Sacred Heart, they used to process in a line, weaving in and out of the chapel pews in the dark, singing hymns and carrying lit lanterns. They were watched over by the RSCJ Sisters in the choir loft above as they formed the shape of a heart lit with candles. We look forward to unique and special tradition of the Lantern Procession continuing long into the future.



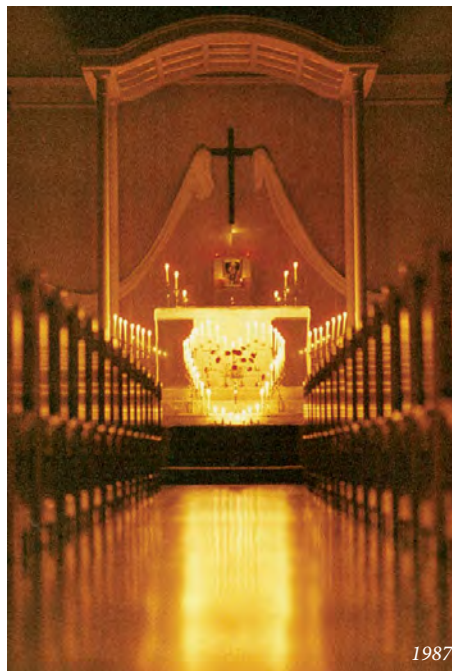


Lantern Procession 2022

The Lantern Procession 1975

At last it was 7.30 and all the boarders were lined up excitedly in order of height down the main corridor. The smell of burning candles was heavy in the air. The hall suddenly came ablaze with lights, flickering shadows, as they glowed through the coloured cone-shaped lanterns. Walking in two single files, the girls held lanterns reverently toward the centre and quietly we began to sing as we made our way to the chapel. The sounds of the first lantern bearers' voices floated down the chapel stairs. The chapel itself was softly lit with even more candles. The sight of the chapel was majestic but the overpowering gladness and thankfulness in our voices lost nothing by comparison. Winding their way through the pews, the girls formed the shape of a heart in commemoration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart – an unforgettable sight.

~ Lynn Todd (Class of 1978)



1987



1978



2006



1987



1978



FOSH MASS

Cor unum spirit is alive and well! Celebrations such as the events of the Feast of the Sacred Heart showcase happiness and connection, continuing the legacy and traditions of generations.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is an important celebration in the Church calendar. This feast day is an opportunity for the Baradene community to recommit to making known the heart of Christ in the world. The new Bishop of Auckland, The Most Reverend Stephen Lowe DD, joined Monsignor Bernard Kiely in celebrating the FOSH Mass with us.

Barbara Dawson RSCJ, Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart, shared this thought: "It is not by chance that in the midst of this messy world and global crisis, Sophie's little Society continues to listen to the same Spirit that she did and search for the way we are called to discover and make known the love of Jesus Christ today."



FOSH is not just a celebration, it's also an opportunity to raise funds for the SHIFT Foundation, an initiative which connects us to our international RSCJ family.

Sister Lydia Collado RSCJ (pictured below) is the coordinator of the Sacred Heart Institute for Transformative Education (SHIFT) Foundation Inc, located at Sophie's Farm in Northern Samar, Philippines. Here, Sister Lydia tells us about SHIFT Foundation's work in her own words:

The RSCJ came to Northern Samar in 1986. Northern Samar is one of poorest provinces in the Philippines. In the beginning, our programmes were campus ministry in a state university, pastoral work among the poorest communities, and administration of a diocesan high school. In 2001, the SHIFT Foundation was founded. Before the pandemic, SHIFT was responsible for:

- A nursery school for children ages 3-5
- Campus ministry
- Organic farming
- Pastoral work among families, women and youth
- Scholarships, retreats, and venue rentals for seminars (cottages, dormitories, session hall)
- Collaboration with other government and private institutions for transformative education activities and other social work (disaster relief operations, etc)

When lockdowns started in March 2020, all the programmes

“The regular support of Baradene College has been a big help, even before the pandemic.”

of SHIFT stopped following government restrictions, except for organic farming. When the pandemic set in, it was harder to make ends meet. We all focused and engaged in farming, and we work hard every day, for survival. There were months when there was no harvest due to rains and typhoons. On good days, we can earn funds from the sales of lettuce and other farm products.



The rest of our salaries and other needs are sourced from outside. The regular support of Baradene College has been a big help, even before the pandemic.

In May 2022, some of our original programmes began again. Thank you very much, to all of you at Baradene College Community, for your continued support. I hope you know that you are helping us, especially to live through the pandemic.

Below is an example of how you help us in practical ways. Stuart Hall was damaged in a typhoon in 2019, and restored with the help of funds from Baradene. Stuart Hall was finished in November 2020, and the dormitories and cottages in April 2021.



Stuart Hall at Sophie's Farm, before and after restoration.



FOSH CELEBRATIONS

**\$5,500 raised
for SHIFT Foundation!**



A highlight of FOSH celebrations, La Fête is a festival where students fundraise for SHIFT Foundation.

We were blessed to have a beautiful day for FOSH this year. The Cor Unum representatives from each homeroom were busy collecting money and organising stalls and activities for La Fête for much of Term 2. La Fête opened with the lolly scramble at the bottom of the Duchesne steps, then the crowd dispersed to enjoy all the fun on offer. A huge bouncy pirate ship, karaoke, photo booths, and the DJ kept everyone entertained. Mr Whippy and the lunch bar kept everyone fed, and there were donuts and a slushy stall to enjoy also. Once the raffles were drawn, the big tidy-up began, and then it was off to the concert for more fun. This year, La Fête raised \$5,500 for the SHIFT Foundation.



This year's FOSH Concert was themed after *Pirates of the Caribbean* and was an amazing chance to showcase Baradene's prodigious talent.

Our acts included performances from singers and dance troupes, a live band, and an incredible flute soloist. The Performing Arts Council planned, assembled, and executed the show from beginning to end and had such a blast. It was exciting to see students dressed up as pirates and participating in the celebration of FOSH, making it one to remember.



FOSH 2022





Dance Academy has been an exciting addition to Baradene Performing Arts in 2022.

Led by our talented senior Dance students, this extra-curricular dance programme has been a huge success. It is wonderful to have the opportunity for our talented dancers at Baradene to develop and showcase their amazing skills.

On the evening of Friday 10 June, the Dance Academy competed at the National Dance Challenge (NDC). 38 Baradene dancers competed across our six troupes. The night was a huge success, with all our groups placing in the top three of their section. Below are the placings for each group, along with their student choreographers:

SENIOR HIP HOP	1st Place	Jenna Whiteman and Emily Homan
SENIOR JAZZ	1st Place	Sophia Copley and Sophie Brunel
SENIOR LYRICAL	2nd Place	Jessikah Bell and Ashleigh Bell
SENIOR CONTEMPORARY	3rd Place	Ashleigh Gallagher and Ciara Higgott
JUNIOR JAZZ	2nd Place	Jessica Fairweather and Emili Snowdon
JUNIOR LYRICAL	2nd Place	Jessica Fairweather and Emili Snowdon

Congratulations to all our dancers and choreographers for their achievements at the 2022 NDC. We thank our choreographers in Year 12 and Year 13 for initiating this project and creating such high-quality dance performances.



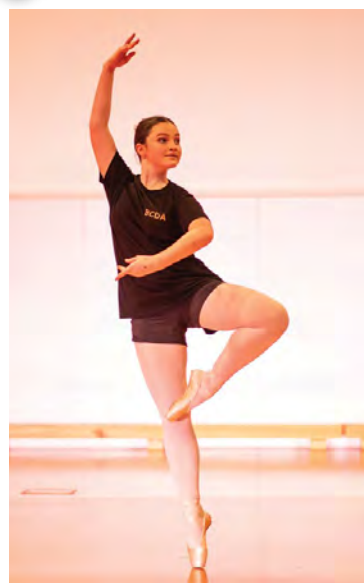


Dance Showcase



Baradene's annual Dance Showcase was held on 5 September.

It was wonderful to celebrate our amazing dancers and to share their exceptional talents with family and friends. The Dance Showcase evening featured a range of dance styles: Contemporary, K-Pop, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Bollywood, Jazz, and even Salsa! Most dances were choreographed by Year 12 and 13 students as extra-curricular items or just for the pure love of dance. Thank you to the choreographers and dancers who made our 2022 Dance Showcase such a stunning performance.



Year Level Productions

Year 10 Drama students explored complex themes onstage.

Stories in the Dark by Debra Oswald is a play about the capacity folktales, myths, and stories have to provoke, heal, and help us understand our humanity. Directed by Ms Louise Bolton, the Year 10 Drama students worked hard to stage this at times confronting play that juxtaposes the horror of war with the world of fantasy. They brought kings, ogres, and dragons to life on the Jubilee stage in front of an appreciative audience.



Year 10



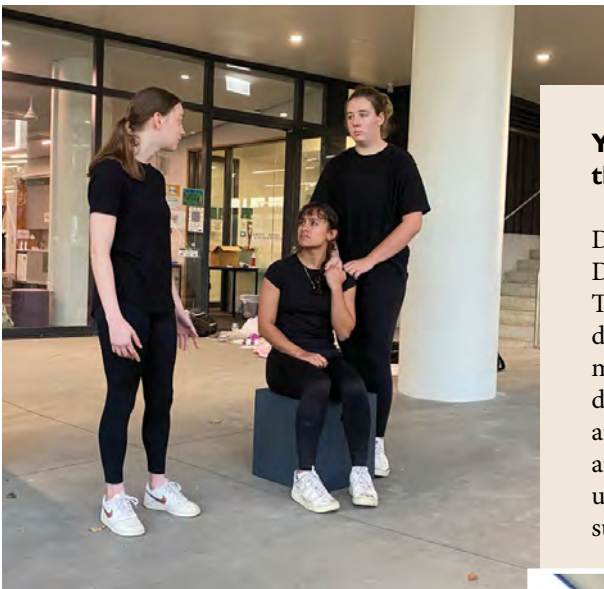
Year 11



Year 11 Drama students went back to the 1980s for this year's production.

Top Girls, Caryl Churchill's celebrated play, underlines the emotional and social cost faced by women in order to succeed in a man's world. Directed by Ms Louise Bolton and set against the background of 1980s Thatcherism, *Top Girls* is a timeless feminist polemic that confronts how women have had to mimic the excesses of male behaviour to acquire a degree of power and agency. The Year 11 students created a powerful production with nuanced performances that transported the audience back to the days of shoulder pads, yuppies, and bouffant hair.



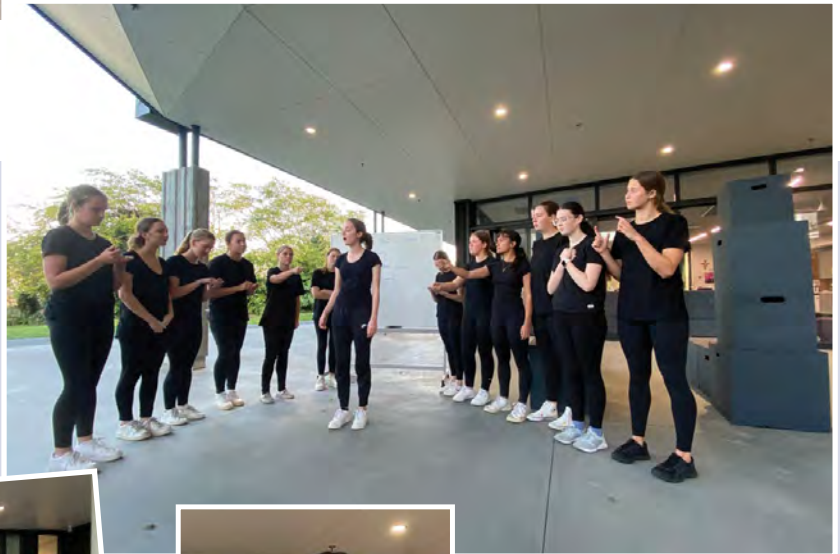


Year 12 Drama students took an emotional journey through the impact of 9/11 and its aftermath.

Directed by Mrs Nicole Eichstaedt McComb, the Year 12 Drama class performed *Decade* for their 2022 class production. The play is a series of scripts about the 9/11 tragedy, including documentary pieces from survivors and affected persons, and more abstract fiction about the event and aftermath. All the actors did a superb job of conveying the emotion of each role naturally and convincingly. It was wonderful to be able to participate in and enjoy the power of live theatre after a long period of being unable to. Congratulations to the Year 12 Drama class on their successful show week!



Year 12





A REAL CLASS ACT

For the first time since the pandemic started, our talented Year 13 Drama students hosted the One Act Play Festival.

Over two evenings in late August, the 2022 One Act Play Festival was staged in Jubilee. The Year 13 Drama students spent seven weeks selecting scripts and directing work for this final internal assessment. Students either worked as solo directors or with partners to stage their short plays. The students cast actors across Years 7 to 13 and committed hours to rehearse, design staging, and prepare for the Term 3 festival. Both performance evenings were a huge success, with a great range of comedic and serious scripts presented on the Jubilee stage. The festival could not be held in 2020 or 2021, so it was a special experience to share this work with our school community and whānau. A huge thank you to all the students involved as actors, directors, and backstage. You should all be very proud of your captivating performances!





HEARTS TOGETHER



In August, Sacred Heart School and College representatives gathered at our sister school Kincoppal-Rose Bay in Sydney for the Sacred Heart Schools Conference.

The 2022 theme was “Celebrating a Contemporary Sacred Heart Education,” and it was an opportunity to reflect on our shared mission. Due to the disruptions of COVID-19 over the past years, it was so lovely to meet in person again. This conference was particularly special as it was the first to include a student voice component. Baradene College Year 12 students Grace Cline, Mikaela Tu’ipulotu, Rochelle O’Connor, and Kassandra Hernandez joined students from Kincoppal-Rose Bay (Sydney), Stuartholme (Brisbane), and Sacré Cœur (Melbourne) to lead the reflections with delegates. These reflections included themes such as diversity, inclusion, student voice and agency, learning, and social justice. Here, our Baradene students share memories of what they experienced at the conference.



“We were from different schools and backgrounds but shared a passion for making great changes within our schools.” ~ Mikaela Tu’ipulotu (Year 12)



My group spoke about what our Sacred Heart Education means to us, what makes it so special, and what we want our modern Sacred Heart Education to look like. I thoroughly enjoyed the rich discussion that ensued with staff and other members of the Sacred Heart community. I am incredibly grateful for this experience as it has developed my love and understanding of how Baradene helps us grow in heart and wisdom to become strong young leaders of today. ~ Rochelle O’Connor (Year 12)

I collaborated with other student leaders to unpack the Janet Erskine Stuart quote, “Education must be concerned not only with studies but also with whatever may be required for the right ordering of life and requirements of cultivated society.” We spoke of the importance of education beyond the textbook, teaching attitude and a good mindset, and not sheltering students from important topics in the world. We strive to bring student voices back to Baradene and encourage students to participate in change. ~ Kassandra Hernandez (Year 12)

We participated in conversations about resilience in the community, authenticity, learning with courage and teaching with kindness, leading with action more than words, and valuing diversity of voices. We felt those around us appreciated our options, and we were able to bring new ideas to the table. We found solutions that unified our common themes in our Sacred Heart schools, and in doing this, we made amazing friendships! ~ Grace Cline (Year 12)

Throughout our stay, I felt a strong connection built between the girls; we were from different schools and backgrounds but shared a passion for making great changes within our schools. One morning, the Sacred Heart schools were brought together for a special liturgy, and I felt welcomed into Kincoppal-Rose Bay as a sense of unity filled the beautiful chapel. Overall, the conference opened our minds to more ideas for expressing our passion and love for our school. ~ Mikaela Tu’ipulotu (Year 12)



Our Premier Water Polo team had an outstanding 2022 season, achieving the best results in the College's history and earning Baradene's first-ever medal at New Zealand Secondary School level.

Over the Term 1 holidays, the Premier team travelled to Wellington to compete in the NZSS Division One Water Polo Championships – a coveted event on the New Zealand Water Polo National Calendar. The team had an exceptional tournament, flying through pool play and crossovers to advance to a semi-final match-up against cross-town rivals Rangitoto College. They showed enormous spirit, coming from three goals down to send the match into a penalty shootout for a place in the Gold final. Despite our determination, Rangitoto College won the game 12-11.

Baradene then went on to play St Cuthbert's College for Bronze the next day. After a tough semi-final loss to them at the North Island Secondary School Championships a few weeks prior, they were determined to come out firing. The team struggled to gain momentum and capitalise on opportunities in the first half and trailed St Cuthbert's 3-2 at the break. An almost impossible full-length buzzer-



beater from Scarlett Goldsworthy to end the third quarter brought the team back to within one goal going into the last quarter (5-4) – the momentum had shifted.

An outstanding team defensive effort and excellent decision-making under pressure resulted in Baradene winning the last quarter 2-0 and the game 6-5 – earning Baradene's first-ever national medal in water polo! Everyone was delighted – it had been a long journey to this medal, and the girls were proud to have finally achieved a monumental milestone for the College.

We thank the coaches, staff members Jessica Milicich and Kat Garbett Ovens, and the manager Bridget Bryant for their efforts throughout the season. We also thank the parents and families for all their support.



This tournament saw Scarlett Goldsworthy (Year 13) and Holly Roberts (Year 12) selected for the New Zealand Youth Women's Team, who competed in the FINA World Youth Championships in Serbia in August.



MAKING A SPLASH

Departing staff member Jessica Milichich is taking the next step in her international water polo career.

Baradene alumna and departing Sports Department staff member Jessica Milichich is a talented water polo player who has represented and captained New Zealand at several international competitions. She has recently returned from the FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, where she celebrated her 50th international test cap for the New Zealand team.

“It is always an honour to represent New Zealand – nothing compares to the feeling of competing at an international level. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity, and to achieve 50 caps for New Zealand is something I am phenomenally proud of.”

The World Championship campaign was an important stepping stone for the Kiwi team as they set their sights on qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The pool-play rounds of competition were split across four venues and cities, which included Sopron, where the New Zealand team played their first three matches. The team finished second in Group C behind Australia (lost 11-2), having beaten Brazil (12-8) and Kazakhstan (15-11).

This set up a cross-over match against France at the famous Hajós Alfréd swimming pool on Margaret Island for a spot in the quarterfinals. A heartbreaking loss in a penalty shootout (9-9 full time, 14-13 loss) resulted in the team playing in the 9-12 classification. The team recorded its best world championships finish in three decades, beating Argentina to break into the top 10 sides in the world, finishing 10th overall after a final match loss to Canada.



“It is always an honour to represent New Zealand – nothing compares to the feeling of competing at an international level.”

“We were so close to top 8 – but we must be proud of what we achieved. We haven’t played internationally since 2019, so playing at this level again was always going to be tough. Our overall objective is Olympic qualification in 2024, so we will continue to work hard and stay focused on achieving that.”

Jessica finished the tournament with a 51% save percentage – an unbelievable statistic for the Kiwi goalkeeper. Off the back of this world championship success, Jessica has signed a professional contract for the 2022/2023 water polo season. Based in Berlin, Germany, Jessica will represent Spandau 04 Women’s team and play in various leagues across Europe, including the premier LEN Champions League. We wish Jessica all the best in this next chapter of her water polo career.



WINTER TOURNAMENT

In August, our sporting students and teams participated in a successful Winter Tournament week. We thank all of our wonderful coaches, managers, and supporters who provided this opportunity for our athletes.

BASKETBALL: AA ZONE BASKETBALL PREMIERSHIPS

Our Premier Basketball team competed in the Zones Championships held on the North Shore. A close loss to Takapuna in overtime in the first game and losing a key player to injury meant the girls needed to regroup and ensure the next game went our way. The girls did this with wins over Mount Albert Grammar School, McAuley High School, and Saint Kentigern College. Unfortunately, our cross-over game against Epsom Girls Grammar School was challenging, and tired bodies couldn't secure the win, leading to a must-win game against MAGS to secure a spot at Nationals. MAGS reversed the result in the pool play and took the win. Our girls regrouped to play a great last game of the season against Manurewa High School – a fitting send-off to Summer Faleafa (Year 13) in her final game for Baradene. The result was seventh place in the tournament. Thanks to coaches Andrew Parke and Candice Marsh, and manager Agnes Topia for their support this season.



SPORTS CLIMBING: NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hannah McCall (Year 12) represented Baradene at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Climbing Championships at Rocktopia in Mount Maunganui. This multi-discipline event involved three formats: Bouldering, speed, and lead.

A huge congratulations to Hannah, who placed fifth in Senior grade in a very tough competition – a fantastic achievement. The climbing community is a supportive environment with wonderful sportsmanship shown by all the competitors.

EQUESTRIAN: NISS CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was a great week in Taupo for our equestrian team competing in the North Island Secondary Schools event. The exciting news is that Baradene finished third overall across the entire competition. Many thanks to Ms Delbridge for all her support over the week.

Other top team results

3rd in North Islands team for Show Jumping and Show Hunter

4th in Arena Eventing

5th in Dressage

Top individual results

Ella Reichenbach	- Gained one of three "Game Changer" awards for all-round sportsmanship - 5th overall Show Jumping/Show Hunter 90-1.00 metre horse
Tahlia Cooper	3rd overall Show Jumping/Show Hunter 80-90 pony
Lilian Lara-Cowell	2nd Show Hunter
Ella Reichenbach	3rd Show Jumping



SPORTS

NETBALL: UNISS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted in Pakuranga, the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Championships started with pool play, and Baradene came away with two wins against Rotorua Girls' High School and Pukekohe High School, and a loss against Hamilton Girls' High School, placing us second in the pool. Next up was the cross-over stage, and the results were a loss against Avondale College, followed by two wins against Epsom Girls Grammar School and Carmel College. The going got tough from here. Saint Kentigern College, Mount Albert Grammar School, and St Peter's Cambridge proved too much for Baradene, and we ended the tournament eighth out of 113 teams competing – a fantastic achievement. Well done to our players, who gave their all in every game. A huge thank you to coaches Megan Parke and Kelly Rattray, and manager Mary McHugh, who have been fabulous all season and provided the support and guidance required in tournament conditions.



1ST XI HOCKEY

Our 1st XI Hockey team recently competed at the Federation Cup/Marie Fry Tournament in Napier. The girls played such strong and courageous hockey throughout the tournament, which made for great viewing for all spectators. It was a fantastic week for the team, as well as coach Lydia Woods and manager Lucy Hall.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Pool Play

vs New Plymouth Girls' High School	2-1 win
vs Craighead Diocesan School	4-1 win
vs Whangarei Girls' High School	1-5 loss
Hockey placed 2nd in their pool and progressed through to top 16 playoffs (Federation Cup)	
vs Wellington Girls' College	0-4 loss
vs Hamilton Girls' High School	3-1 win
vs Diocesan School for Girls	0-1 loss
Finishing the tournament in 12th place, equalling our best result at Nationals!	





BRONZE FOR FOOTBALL FIRST XI

Going into the Lotto NZSS Football Championships as previous winners and with an unbeaten record from the season, the pressure was on our girls to perform. Taupo put on perfect conditions to play Football all week, and the Baradene girls certainly came to play, winning all their games in pool play against New Plymouth Girls' High School 3-0, Diocesan School for Girls (Auckland) 2-0, and Feilding High School 6-0. The next phase was top 16, and coming up against Wellington Girls' College, Baradene was again too strong, finishing the game 4-1 up. Going into the quarter-final against Wellington East Girls' College was a case of adapting to longer games. However, our girls showed incredible fitness and ended with a 2-0 win. The semi-final was always going to be

tough; coming up against Mount Albert Grammar School would test the girls. Scoring first gave the girls the upper hand; however, in the last few minutes, MAGS managed to equalise. Going straight to a penalty shootout, MAGS managed to outscore us 5-4. While the girls were naturally disappointed with their first loss of the season, they showed tremendous character and finished the tournament strong, outscoring Saint Kentigern College 2-1 to take the Bronze. Congratulations to Olivia Page (Year 13) who was named MVP for Baradene for the tournament. Huge thanks to Ryan Shiffman for his cool, calm guidance and Gina Brugh for keeping the team healthy all week. The girls represented Baradene with humbleness, resilience, and pride. Congratulations!

CYCLING: NORTHERN TOUR

The Northern tour took place around Auckland and was a fantastic outing for our cycling squad. The ITT and Hill Climb events were National Title events, and we are thrilled to have three National Champions: Madeline Bell, Mia Collins, and Bonnie Rattray!



Individual Time Trial	
Under 14	1st Madeline Bell, 2nd Mia Collins
Under 15	3rd Mia Pepper
Under 16	2nd Sienna Lushkott, 3rd Freya Holland
Under 20	3rd Bonnie Rattray
Hill Climb	
Under 14	1st Mia Collins, 2nd Madeline Bell
Under 16	2nd Freya Holland, 3rd Sienna Lushkott
Under 20	1st Bonnie Rattray
Criterion	
Under 14	1st Madeline Bell, 2nd Mia Collins
Under 15	2nd Meg Brew
Under 16	2nd Freya Holland, 3rd Sienna Lushkott
Under 20	2nd Alice Hopkinson
General Classification – Overall Finisher List	
Under 14	1st Madeline Bell, 2nd Mia Collins
Under 16	2nd Freya Holland, 3rd Sienna Lushkott
Under 20	2nd Bonnie Rattray

AIMS GAMES

After two years of AIMS Games being cancelled because of COVID-19, it was exciting to participate in this wonderful event in 2022.

The AIMS Games (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools) are an annual sporting event held in Tauranga, with over 10,000 competitors from 320 schools. Baradene had:

- 58 participants
- 17 coaches, managers, and parent helpers
- 11 codes (basketball, BMX, cross country, football, gymnastics, hockey, mountain biking, netball, tennis, rock climbing, swimming)

Gold Medal

Willow Reid won the Gold Medal in Artistic Gymnastics (Open Senior Girls).

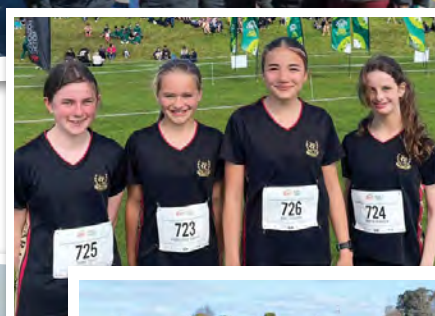
Gold Medal

Madeleine Hunter won the Gold Medal in Year 8 BMX Individual race and Silver in Time Trial.

Cross Country 3rd place

The Cross Country Year 8 Team (Amy Towers, Greta Hunter, and Esme Reid) took third place.

Football 5th place



I love AIMS Games because:

"We got to spend lots of time with our team and to know our teammates better. We got to play the sport we love for a week and cheer on our friends from other codes."

"I really enjoyed AIMS because it was an amazing experience, so much fun and I have learned so many new skills."

"I got to play my favourite sport and make new friends."

"It's a time you can enjoy playing your favourite sport and have fun with your team and coaches. An awesome experience I will remember forever."

NEW ZEALAND SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

We're very proud of our Baradene College students who have had the honour of representing New Zealand in their code. The commitment, dedication, and hard work these students put in to achieve at this level is amazing and should be commended!

Just Announced!

Olivia Page, Marie Green, and Ruby Nathan have been selected in the NZU17 Football Team to compete in the U17 Football World Cup in India in October.



RITORYA TAMILO
Basketball

Competed in New Zealand U17 team in Jordan at the U16 FIBA Asia Cup. Qualified for the U17 FIBA World Cup in Hungary, where they competed against the best in the world – USA, the eventual winners.



DIXIE WHITING
Sport Climbing

Competed at the IFSC Climbing Youth World Championships in Dallas in August.



GEORGIA LINDROOS
Orienteering

Member of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team that competed in the Australian Schools Championships in September.



ISABELLE O'CONNELL
Indoor Cricket

Member of the New Zealand U22 team to compete in the U22 Women's World Cup in Melbourne in October.



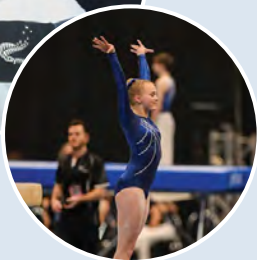
ISABELLE GIBSON
Swimming

Competed for New Zealand at the Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Honolulu in August. She made the A final in the 100 backstroke, B final in the 200 backstroke, and PBd in all her events.



HOLLY ROBERTS
Water Polo

Member of the New Zealand Youth Women's Water Polo team that competed in the FINA World Youth Championships, playing Croatia, Spain, and Serbia in pool games, winning two of them. They won the crossover game against Canada, placing eighth in the world.



JEMMA CRONIN
Artistic Gymnastics

Member of Women's Artistic Gymnastics team to compete in Hawaii in January 2023.



LILLIAN BING
Athletics

Competed in the Oceania Championships in June. Lillian came 3rd in the U18 Pole Vault, jumping 3.40m.



SCARLETT GOLDSWORTHY
Water Polo

Member of the New Zealand Youth Women's Water Polo team that competed in the FINA World Youth Championships, playing Croatia, Spain, and Serbia in pool games, winning two of them. They won the crossover game against Canada, placing eighth in the world.



IYOLARNA WARU
Waka Ama

Competed at the IVFVa'a World Sprint Championships in London in August.



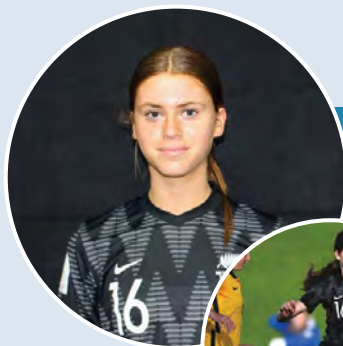
SAMAARA ROBIN
Tennis

Competed for New Zealand at the IJU Australian Junior Teams event.



LANIHEI CONNOLLY
Swimming – Cook Islands Representative

Lani made her debut as a 16-year-old at the Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2022 as a swimmer for the Cook Islands and was the youngest competitor on the team. She broke her personal best in the 50m breaststroke, set a new Cook Islands national record, and made Cook Islands history by being the first to qualify for a semi-final at this level. In her individual events, Lanihei set four new personal bests, three national Cook Islands records, and made two semi-finals.



RUBY NATHAN
Football

Member of the New Zealand U20 team that competed in the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup in Costa Rica. In pool games, New Zealand played Mexico, Germany, and Colombia.



BONNIE RATRAY
Cycling

Selected for the Cycling New Zealand U20 team to compete in the UCI World Championships in Wollongong, Australia, in September.



Baradene Ball 2022

The Baradene school ball took place on 30 July 2022. The students walked on the red-carpet entry to reveal the theme of the Met Ball. The ball was postponed from May, which allowed us to think in detail about the small things we wanted to make an extra-special night. This included décor, photography, and the little things, like lights and layout, making the theme even more believable. The night was a great success, with no lack of movement on the dance floor, especially by the teachers, which made the night even better.

~ Ella Barakat-Stanage (Year 13), Arts and Publicity Leader





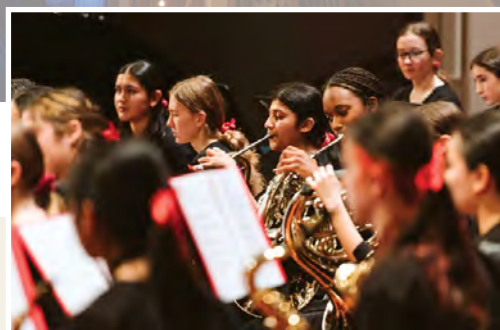
Arts and Publicity Council with Mrs Cath Bamber-O'Malley.



LET'S MAKE MUSIC

This year's performances at the Baradene and St Peter's Gala Concert were full of wonderful talent.

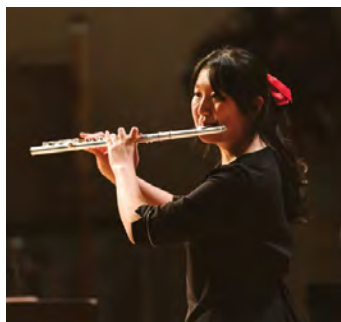
In preparation for the KBB Music Festival, Baradene College's instrumental groups, alongside the St Peter's groups, shared their repertoires with the broader community at the combined Baradene and St Peter's Gala Concert, held on 2 August in Holy Trinity Cathedral. A huge thank you to everyone involved – students, staff, Friends of Music, our special guest MC for the event Sara-Jane Elika, parents, and the community for their support on the night. Read on for Year 13 student Charlotte Crean's summary of the event.



The annual Baradene and St Peter's Gala Concert is a significant event on Baradene's music calendar. It allows players of all levels to showcase musical repertoires they have been working on in their groups to their friends and family. It also provides practise for the upcoming KBB Music Festival, the most significant part of the music year, and allows students to perform at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the same venue for KBB.

All music groups this year produced impressive performances despite ongoing difficulties due to COVID-19. The event allows for a fulfilling night of collaboration and music-making for all students and a well-rounded concert for listeners. This year it was Baradene's turn to run the event, including the fundraising aspect organised by Friends of Music. We are most grateful to all the parents, staff, and students who pitched in to make the night beautiful and all of the fantastic sponsors supporting Baradene's music programme. All music groups performed to a top standard, from the beginner feeder groups of the Duchesne Orchestra and Symphonic Band, to the senior groups of the Concert Band and Combined Symphony Orchestra. I enjoyed the ability to play some stunning pieces in the Concert Band and Orchestra for my last year as Concert Band Leader, including music from *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Overall, I am incredibly proud of all the hard work the students have put in and the excellent performances they produced.

*~ Charlotte Crean, Year 13, Concert Band Leader
and member of the Combined Symphony Orchestra*





Schola on stage at The Big Sing.

Baradene's senior choirs, Schola and Elysium, enjoyed a successful Big Sing event.

The art of singing together is a wonderful experience that is not only good for your wellbeing, but is also a great workout for your brain, as the body has to engage and create a sound that can be energising and exciting. This has been the experience of the senior choirs at Baradene College. Preparation for Big Sing 2022 began with restrictions as Elysium, our combined choir with St Peter's, couldn't rehearse together until Term 2. Elysium (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass) adapted well, and the students enjoyed the sound they created with the boys from St Peter's. We sang two pieces at Big Sing, with input from Mr Sloser playing the Djembe drum. Schola had a good start to the year with a Sunday workshop and regular Wednesday rehearsals. We also sang two pieces at the Town Hall in June, and the choir enjoyed travelling together and interacting with other choirs across Auckland.



Sunday workshop with Schola.

SCHOLA



I have been involved with Schola since Year 9, and the Big Sing is always a highlight of each year. The day is filled with fun, friendly competition and amazing singing, and it is fantastic to have the opportunity to listen to other talented choirs. This year, Mrs Young introduced us to new music that challenged us, but we worked hard as a choir and proudly performed our two pieces. The Gala Concert in the evening was great fun, finishing with all schools singing *Ka Waiata*. Overall, I had a great last Big Sing.

~ Charlotte Nalder, Year 13, Leader of Schola



ELYSIUM CHOIR

Elysium is a combined choir formed last year between St Peter's and Baradene colleges. Due to COVID-19, we could not practice together until Term 2. Through all the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions and scheduling rehearsals between the two schools, we were able to pull through with hard work and commitment from each member.

To prepare for the Big Sing, we practiced in sections and all together once a week. This year at Big Sing, we enjoyed watching all the other choirs and performing together, making us grow closer as a choir. Through the direction of Mrs Rachel Young, we received a Commended Award at Big Sing. Since then, we get together to learn new pieces, socialise, and strengthen the connection of singing. I am proud and appreciate every single member of the choir and all the hard work that everyone involved has put in. We give special thanks to Mrs Rachel Young, our conductor, and Mrs Penny Christiansen, our accompanist, for all their time and effort. Elysium has created one big family between our two schools.

~ Shana-Arwen Mendoza, Year 13, Leader of Elysium



KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

The KBB Music Festival is a wonderful showcase that brings together orchestras, concert bands, and jazz bands from Auckland secondary schools each year.

The KBB Music Festival celebrates musical ideas, talents, and growth demonstrated by each student and music group, whether a novice or highly experienced, and is the culmination of our hard work with a competitive edge. It is always fulfilling to see the dedication and hours of practice put in through our rehearsals, workshops, and weekly sectionals over the past year come to fruition. We rejoice with a great sense of personal and collective achievement for students and music teachers. We have the exceptional opportunity to not only perform at the magnificent Holy Trinity Cathedral, but also listen to other ensembles with the same passion and drive, which concludes the most significant musical event on the school's calendar.

~ Alina Chen, Year 12



CONCERT BAND

Throughout 2022, the Baradene Concert Band faced many challenges preparing for the KBB Music Festival. However, during Terms 2 and 3, we refined and polished our repertoire to a high level that exceeded even our own expectations. Perseverance and dedication allowed the Baradene Concert band to achieve Gold. We were thrilled with this result, and it was heartwarming to witness what our Concert Band could accomplish with some hard work.

Following this success, we are hopeful for future achievements in Baradene Music. This also could not have been possible without the continued support and hard work from Mr Sloser, all of the music tutors, Friends of Music, and parents. Their contribution and passion enabled us to implement our skills and have a significantly successful year.

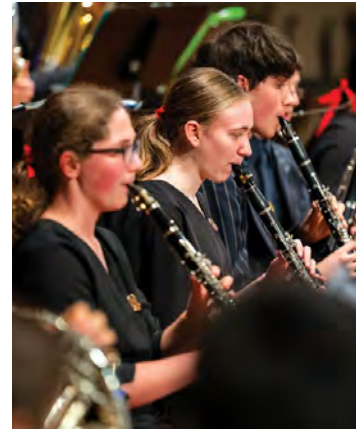
~ Alex Clarke, Year 11



COMBINED ORCHESTRA

This year the Orchestra achieved our usual high level of performance despite difficulties with COVID-19. We only got to have whole rehearsals from Term 2, but we still managed to produce a Gold-level performance at KBB. Combining with St Peter's College allows us to fill some gaps in the smaller sections and create a much larger and better sound. We are lucky enough to have Mr Poljanich as our long-time conductor, with his high level of experience allowing us to create the best sound possible. We were also fortunate to have the support of others such as Mr Sloser, and the ongoing hard work of the group members, who should all be proud of their input. Overall, the Orchestra did exceptionally well this year, and will hopefully maintain its high standing in the years to come.

~ Charlotte Crean, Year 13



SYMPHONIC BAND

I enjoyed my experience in the Symphonic Band and performing together at the Gala Concert and KBB Festival. Through rehearsals and practices, I have learned more music knowledge, skills, and how to cooperate in a band. I have also made some new friends. At the Gala Concert and KBB Festival, we performed in front of parents, other schools and teachers. Despite being a bit nervous going on stage, I was happy to showcase our work over the year.

~ Josephine Lam, Year 8

DUCHESNE ORCHESTRA

KBB was an excellent opportunity for us this year. Even though we participated as a non-competitive group, it was a special memory we will all keep. We were also able to listen to other performances. But the best part was playing all together, which consisted of all the schools playing the same piece as one. It's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed, and I highly recommend it to everyone.

~ Amy Kim, Year 10

First Place at the INFINITY International Harp Competition

Cindy Yuan (Year 13) has been awarded the Camac Grand Prize at the online INFINITY International Harp Competition in Hong Kong in the Adult Ensemble category for her performance of Ravel's Harp Concerto. An outstanding achievement for a young musician competing with musicians from all over the world.





SCHOOL OF ROCK

School of Rock was initiated this year to enable students interested in contemporary music styles to come together and work on their arranging and group performance skills.

Under the mentorship and management of Mr John Murray and Mr Nino Sloser, the bands rehearse on Fridays after school. The bands have made a huge leap in progress since the commencement of the programme. *Half a Dozen* has enjoyed great success at Smokefree Rockquest, reaching the regional finals, and *annodaM* and *HazChem* have performed impressively at the Stand Up Stand Out competition. It has been wonderful to experience the bands' growth this year, and we look forward to seeing the programme evolve with more bands emerging and rocking in the future.

A special thank you goes to our School of Rock assistant teachers – Charlotte Clech, Klara Mathieson, Yvonne Marren and Kelly Hooker – and Friends of Music for their financial support that made the programme happen.

School of Rock is a great programme to get involved in with the Music Department, and I have very much enjoyed my experience this year. School of Rock consists of around four rock bands, and I am a singer in *annodaM*. This year we have been working towards Stand Up Stand Out. I have loved School of Rock this year, and it has been great to meet new, very talented people outside of my year group. Everyone is super supportive, and we have loads of fun on Friday afternoons.

~ Sophie Gilbert, Year 8



“I have loved School of Rock this year, and it has been great to meet new, very talented people outside of my year group.” ~ Sophie Gilbert (Year 8)



I've had a wonderful experience with School of Rock, which allows students to express their passion for music. There have been various teachings that many groups can take on board and incorporate into their music. I've made tonnes of friends, and School of Rock has opened so many doors and opportunities for my band and myself.

~ Isla Cousins, Year 10



INTRODUCING
**DANIELLE
KIELY**
HEAD OF COMMERCE



Meet Danielle Kiely, our new Head of Commerce.

Please tell us a little about yourself.

I grew up in Napier, where I attended Napier Girls' High School. I now live towards West Auckland with my husband Chris. We love pottering around home, spending time with whānau, relaxing at the beach, dining out, going to the movies, and travelling. I also enjoy running, yoga, and going to the gym. Attending stage shows is an all-time favourite, and catching up with friends is a regular calendar entry. One of my friends once said I'm an "activity girl," and she is right. I like to engage in all sorts of things.

Can you share a bit about your career trajectory?

I attended Victoria University in Wellington, where I studied a Bachelor of Commerce. During my third year of tertiary study, I secured an internship at Ernst & Young (EY) in their audit division. I was fortunate to be offered a graduate position when I finished university. Towards the end of my graduate year as an auditor, I realised that I wanted to be a teacher. I completed a Graduate Diploma of Secondary Teaching through Victoria University, and my teaching journey began at St Peter's College here in Auckland, teaching both Economics and Accounting. At the beginning of my third year at the college, I was appointed as the Year 12 Academic Dean, and at the start of my fourth year, I also became Head of the Accounting Faculty. At the beginning of 2020, I began my part-time study towards a Masters in Educational Leadership. Teaching boys certainly was fulfilling, but by mid-2021, I was ready for a new challenge and had always wanted to teach girls, so I was very excited to join Baradene College as Head of Commerce. I am thrilled to be part of the Baradene community, and to be the Year 13 Assistant Dean.

What's something interesting about Commerce?

People often think that Accounting and Economics entail complicated mathematics and assume I'm a wizard at



Two teams from Baradene entered the Junior division of the University of Auckland's National Secondary Schools Case Competition this year. Only five teams from across New Zealand were selected for the finals, with Baradene's teams being two of these. Congratulations to our Year 11 team (above left), who placed first, and our Year 10 team (above right), who placed second.

maths – I'm most certainly not! You only need to be able to add, subtract, divide, and multiply using a calculator. The commerce-based subjects help our ākonga to make sense of society and to solve real-life problems. They are taught valuable life skills that are transferable into any industry.

What is the best advice you were ever given?

The best advice I was given was from my dad while I was in secondary school. When things didn't go to plan, he would often say, "Will this affect you in 10 minutes, 10 days, 10 weeks, 10 years?" Often, the particular untoward events didn't affect me in the long term, despite thinking that they would. I always keep this thought process in the back of my mind because it helps to put some perspective on life.

Can you share a favourite inspiring quote?

Oprah Winfrey said, "Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom." This is a good reminder that no limit is ever set on our capacity to improve. We are all like athletes whose personal best is always yet to come.

What are some words of wisdom for our students?

Do what you love, love what you do. Most importantly, love yourself and honour your unique set of values.

MODEL EU

In July, Rochelle O'Connor (Year 12) represented Baradene College at the Model European Union Conference on Freedom of Expression and Speech in Dunedin. She reports on this invaluable experience.

My role was the Foreign Affairs Minister of Sweden. Our Foreign Affairs Council debated amendments on the protection of journalists, political asylum seekers, Russian disinformation, and social media platforms' role in regulating their forums against hate speech (taking increasing precedence due to the Christchurch Call).

New Zealand's bilateral relationship with the EU is special, as we share the same stance towards human rights, Ukraine, and disinformation/misinformation. At the same time, the European Union was in the spotlight on the news, with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern meeting EU partners in Madrid and Brussels to negotiate a Free Trade Deal. There were 60 fellow students from around the Otago region and further afield, and the speakers were vibrant and knowledgeable about international relations and politics.

I had a great time connecting with the other students, as we are the next generation's leaders! I am incredibly honoured to have received the Best Delegate Award and a scholarship to enrol in Canterbury University's STAR (first year) course on Politics and European Union Studies next year alongside my high school studies.



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SPEECH COMPETITION

In April, Jade Varney represented Baradene in the Orakei Local Board ANZAC Speech Competition.

Participants in the ANZAC Speech Competition were required to demonstrate an understanding of Anzac Day. They must also have met with and discussed wartime or peacekeeping experiences with former or current service personnel, thus involving other generations. Jade reports, "Being asked to involve other generations of service personnel was an opportunity that I could never have imagined would be so enlightening and inspiring."

She continues, "With the help of my teacher, Mr Coutts, I spoke with Squadron Leader Rebecca Cosford, who served on behalf of Aotearoa in the Sinai with the United Nations Peacekeepers. Rebecca told me, 'To be honest, hardly any of us who join the military do so to fight wars. Clearly, it's part of our job if required, but it's not necessarily our motivation. To serve our country and help uphold democratic freedoms is the real privilege.' Rebecca allowed me to understand the real motivations of our service members and truly inspired me as a woman by highlighting that we have the capability to do anything. I was honoured to have been awarded first place for the Youth ANZAC Day speech and am proud to have been



able to represent my school on a very important day to all New Zealanders."

Jade's winning speech was professionally recorded and played on a continuous loop in St Heliers on ANZAC Day. Jade says, "The best part of the speech process was seeing people's reaction to the recording on ANZAC Day. The heartening look that came across everyone who listened to my speech is something I will never forget."



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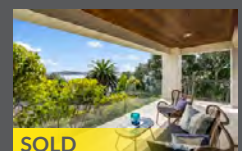
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PTA UPDATE

Parent-Teacher Association Chairperson Derek Pereira tells us what the PTA has been up to recently, and invites you to get involved.

It's been great for the students to get back to some level of normality this year with minimal disruption, given the circumstances. However, as you are aware, we have had to reschedule some of our events, including moving the Baradene Art Show from May to August. As a result, we had to cancel our much-loved Father-Daughter Breakfast this year, which is usually held around this time. These decisions are difficult and not taken lightly, as these are important events that help build community and add value for both parents and students alike.

The uncertainty of COVID-19 has meant we need to be fluid regarding the events we run this year, and we've had to think of other ways to continue adding value to our school community. One of the suggestions put forth was to introduce a Father-Daughter Movie Night to be held in the evening, so it doesn't clash with school times, which we thought was a fantastic idea. We have started exploring options to have this as part of our PTA event calendar next year, so watch this space.

On the bright side, we are pleased that our Art Show could go ahead, and planning for this has been in full swing this year. The Gala Evening on Friday 19 August was an outstanding success, and everything ran smoothly. I had a lot of positive and amazing feedback from our patrons, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Kate, Karena, and the rest of the Art Show Committee for all their hard work bringing this event to fruition. I'd also like to thank all our valued sponsors for their support.

Our PTA members do a fantastic job, and I'd also like to thank our wider PTA team for all they do, especially during these challenging times. This year, we have a few of our

valued members leaving us, and we are looking for some more parents to join our PTA team. The PTA plays a vital part in our school community and provides much-needed additional financial and other support at Baradene, which enriches our daughters' school experience.

If you would like to join us, please get in touch with the Baradene PTA secretary Lisa Barker or myself at baradenepta@baradene.school.nz.



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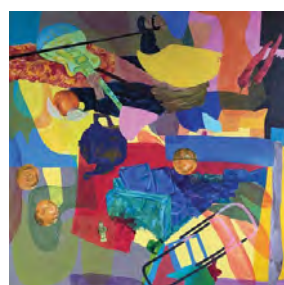
The Baradene Art Show has a proud tradition of exhibiting artists that have a connection to the school, whether it be parents or students, in its quest to find new and emerging artists. This year was no exception, with a number of both alumnae and parents of girls showing and selling work.

Art Show Co-ordinator Kate Saunders says, "We are fortunate to have an event that has been a continuous highlight in the Baradene College calendar, now in its 33rd year. We love to support new talent who have never exhibited, and we aim to create a balance between favourite artists who have exhibited previously with an incredible array of artists new to us. This great mix of different artists allows us to put together a community event with real heart."

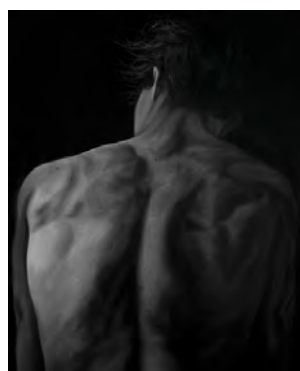
The Art Show was hugely successful, with more than \$235,000 of art sold over the weekend. Some 600 guests enjoyed the Gala Night, taking advantage of the first buying opportunity of the show. The shop and the cafe were busy with a steady stream of visitors over the weekend.

**Close to
\$100,000
raised!**

Above from left: Alumnae artists at the Gala Night – Bridie Nelson (Class of 2019), Kayra Yildiz (Class of 2019), Ella Neal (Class of 2019), Betty Chung (Class of 2002), Amanda Bade (Head of Visual Art Faculty), and Jin Yoo (Class of 2019).



Alumnae Artworks from top: Jin Yoo, Bridie Nelson, Ella Neal.



Alumnae Artworks from top right: Betty Chung, Claire Wallwork, Kayra Yildiz.

Be a part of the Art Show!

The Art Show committee is always looking for new people to join the team. It's a great way to connect, and you will learn a lot about art along the way!

If you're interested, please reach out to Art Show Co-Ordinator Kate Saunders at kate.ant@xtra.co.nz

GROWING HEART NEWS

Thank you to all who donated to our first Baradene Giving Week which raised almost \$90,000 for Makerspace equipment!

Between 1 and 8 July, Growing Heart held the first Baradene Giving Week, an online campaign to raise funds for equipment for the new Makerspace, and we were absolutely thrilled with the result! A huge thank you to our very generous Baradene community: The parents, alumnae, grandparents, past parents, friends, staff, and students who donated to the campaign. The success of the Giving Week is testament to what we can do to improve the educational opportunities for all students at Baradene when we come together and contribute as a community.

With the \$89,409 raised, the Baradene Makerspace acquisition team has now purchased most of the equipment needed, including virtual reality sets, a laser cutter, 3D printers, and computer, camera, and studio equipment. Very soon our students will be able to use the state-of-the-art equipment in our own Makerspace!



Growing Heart has contributed towards a grand piano for the Auditorium

Recently, Growing Heart made a grant to assist Baradene with the purchase of a replacement grand piano for the Auditorium. For a long time, Baradene has needed a suitable grand piano for the many musical events, school masses, prizegivings, productions, and performances that are held in the Auditorium. The new piano was used for the

first time at the Feast of Assumption Mass on 15 August, attended by many of our students' grandparents. Thanks to donations made to Growing Heart by our supportive community, both the Auditorium and the Conservatoire de Musique now have beautiful grand pianos available for teaching and practice, and to enhance the musical experience at school events.



With the Heart of an Educator

On 28 September we held the first screening of a short film, *With the Heart of an Educator: Stories from the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Baradene Convent* at the Berkeley Cinema in Mission Bay. It was pleasing to see so many of our wider Baradene community from across the years come together to pay tribute to our special RSCJ Sisters. The film was inspiring and revealed so much about the Sisters' dedication to the legacy of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, and the unique Sacred Heart Education provided over 113 years at Baradene. We were honoured to have some of the Sisters interviewed in the film present at the event.



HFC Group Engineering Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that this year, HFC Group have established the HFC Group Engineering Scholarship. The HFC Group Scholarship, to be administered by Growing Heart, will provide a Year 13 student with \$5,000 towards the cost of studying for an engineering degree. Growing Heart thanks HFC Group for their generous donation.



Thank you for your support

In supporting these Growing Heart initiatives, the wider Baradene community is playing a very real part in enhancing the educational opportunities we can offer our students at Baradene, and nurturing our special character. Thank you for your support.

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From top left: Sister Anne de Stacpoole, Sister Barbara Crombie, Sister Annett Hanrahan, Sister Mary Newman-Watt, Sister Dorothea Hewlett, Sister Elizabeth Snedden, Sister Phillippa Wittering.



Guests enjoying the evening at the Berkeley Cinema.



How to donate

It is now very easy to donate to Baradene's Growing Heart Foundation. If you are looking for a way to give back to Baradene, simply go to baradene.school.nz/our-community/growing-heart-foundation and donate! Growing Heart supports Baradene by raising funds for the Student Scholarships and Support Fund, the Staff Support Fund, the College Facilities Fund, and through a Trustees Discretionary Fund to safeguard Baradene's special character.





Class of 2017 Reunion Group

ALUMNAE NEWS

Alice Gallagher, President of the Baradene Alumnae Association, shares recent happenings.

In July, the Alumnae Association held our Annual General Meeting, and thank you to those who attended online and in person. We are excited for another year of alumnae business ahead and particularly for the upcoming 2022 Alumnae Meritae Award High Tea event on 30 October at Baradene. This year, we honour the exceptional Mary-Louise Browne as our 2022 Alumnae Meritae Award recipient. Be sure to get a ticket and come along to this fantastic high tea that is a real highlight on the alumnae calendar. Visit baradene.school.nz to purchase tickets.

We are thrilled to welcome a new Treasurer onto our committee, Hannah Brady (Class of 2011). We thank Christie Fan for her work as Treasurer for the past year, and wish her well on her overseas work and travels. We also wish Natalie Thomas all the best as she departs from our committee after many years of dedicated service and positive spirit at events. If you are interested in joining our committee of wonderful alumnae and getting more involved in the alumnae activities of Baradene, please get in touch with us at alumnae@baradene.school.nz – we would love to connect!

Five-Year Reunion: Class of 2017

During May we had a fantastic Five-Year Reunion of the Class of 2017. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. It was a bustling, energetic, wonderful evening with a great opportunity for reconnection and nostalgia. The Cor Unum spirit was richly on display with these fabulous young alumnae, and hosting them at Baradene was a privilege for the Alumnae Committee. Hearing of their adventures, achievements, and aspirations in their time since attending Baradene was engaging and insightful. It's great to have these alumnae come back to the College to share with us and gather with peers and teachers.





Baradene in the media

We're proud to see our school represented in recent New Zealand media.

Newsroom: "On Your Marks"

In June, alumna Havana Hopman (Class of 2021) was featured in *Newsroom's* LockerRoom, talking about how her rhythmic gymnastics career was influenced by fellow alumna Portia Bing (Class of 2010), who visited Baradene when Havana was 13. Seven years after that first meeting, both women competed in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games – but not before Havana made a point to break all of Portia's high jump records from her time at Baradene! The article goes on to discuss Baradene's sporting programme, which encourages excellence while promoting participation. Read it here: newsroom.co.nz/lockerroom/on-your-marks-gymnast-clears-her-highest-bar



A School With Heart

Baradene College of the Sacred Heart, located on Victoria Avenue in historic Remuera, has a century-old tradition of high-quality education for young women in a supportive, faith-based environment.



Verve: "A School with Heart"

What makes a Sacred Heart Education so special, and why is Baradene the school of choice for so many young women in Auckland? That's the subject of a July article in *Verve* magazine, which profiles our College and its rich educational tradition that goes back over 100 years. Principal Sandy Pasley and two of our Year 13 students explain what makes Baradene such a unique environment for our girls to grow and thrive in, and emphasise our five Goals as the foundation of the well-rounded education we offer. Read it here: vervemagazine.co.nz/a-school-with-heart

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Seven Sharp: "Coats for Kids"

In July, Baradene students collected pre-loved winter hoodies, warm jackets, and coats for vulnerable children in Northland communities during winter. The items were donated to the charity Bald Angels, and *Seven Sharp* came along to film their collection of the over 300 coats that the Baradene community donated. Bald Angels distributed the coats via NZ Police, Plunket, Women's Refuge, social services, public health nurses, food banks, and Corrections. Thanks to Catherine Everitt and the Social Service Leaders who facilitated the collection. Watch the *Seven Sharp* piece here: fb.watch/funl748djE





DR EUNICE GAERLAN PRICE

Dr Eunice Gaerlan Price (Class of 1996) recently completed a PhD thesis on gifted girls and social media.

Eunice's family settled in New Zealand when she was four, after having lived in Singapore and Mexico. She was an only child and, being Catholic and Filipino, her parents sacrificed a great deal to give Eunice a Baradene education, which was very much the priority for the family. Eunice has fond memories of Baradene and had a wonderful experience at school. Her Baradene years were settled and offered Eunice many opportunities to grow and flourish. Eunice credits Baradene as a defining time, her "becoming". When she started, she was shy, but Eunice found her teachers and friends warm and welcoming. She made many friends and developed a sense of sisterhood with her peers. By the time she left Baradene, Eunice had grown in confidence and a belief that the world was her oyster.

After Baradene, Eunice obtained a BA (Politics) and BCom (Marketing) conjoint degree at The University of Auckland. During her OE, she was in New York when September 11 occurred, a pivotal moment which prompted a recalibration of her plans, and Eunice returned to New Zealand to complete a one-year graduate diploma in teaching. She even taught at Baradene for a short time in 2010. Eunice then began post-graduate studies and completed first a Master's, and then a PhD, in the topic of girls, identity, and social media. Her PhD involved studying how young high-achieving girls make sense of and construct their identities in the age of social media.

Social media can turn everyday people into "microcelebrities" with an expanded sphere of influence; that is, people who are "famous" to those who follow them. It can be said that "influencers" are born from the notion of the microcelebrity. Our young girls are often followed by multiple others who may or may not know them in real life. Eunice studied how this impacted the girls, both as onlookers and as the looked-upon, and concluded that there can be an enormous weight of expectation on young women, who are affected by different messages from society, school, and parents, yet they do a remarkable job of balancing and juggling expectations. However, the pressure is on them to avoid mistakes and to look a certain way, to present a certain image of themselves. This is exacerbated by social media, which goes so far as to quantify the validations users receive from posting.



"We need to develop in young people a sense of critical awareness in technology."

It is also a different world now that a young girl's role model can be the popular girl next door. Exposure to those girls through social media is more constant and present, as they watch their microcelebrity peers have the perfect holiday while they look on from their own bedrooms. Some young girls can get swept up in this world, while others do not buy in. To counteract this, we need to develop in young people a sense of critical awareness in technology. Good parenting and good education can assist young girls to make constructive choices about the tools available in the modern age. We don't need to demonise these tools nor put them on a pedestal; rather, we need to put "scaffolding" around young women as we do when they learn any new skill, whether playing the guitar or driving.

Eunice is now the programme leader of the Master and Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning at Auckland University of Technology (AUT). Eunice was thrilled when her own daughter chose Baradene for her schooling – she had tried hard not to influence her too much!





PENELOPE SALMON

Penelope Salmon (Class of 2021) is achieving sporting success at home and abroad while studying at Harvard.

Penelope is a student at Harvard University in Massachusetts, USA, where she is a member of the track and field team. Penelope was an excellent all-round student at Baradene, receiving a Top Scholar Award in 2020 and obtaining excellence endorsements in five subjects in 2021: Biology, Chemistry (Advanced), Classical Studies, Physics, and Religious Education. Penelope combined her academic achievements with top performances in athletics, cross country, and orienteering. While at Baradene, Penelope was selected to represent New Zealand in Orienteering in the New Zealand Secondary Schools (Senior), New Zealand Under 23, and New Zealand Senior teams.

Penelope is New Zealand's U20 Orienteering Long, Middle, and Sprint Champion. In 2019, she won the North Island Schools 3000m championships and multiple club and school cross country races. In 2020, she placed second in the Australia vs New Zealand Sprint Orienteering Championships and won the Auckland Championship U18 Cross Country and the North Island Secondary Schools Sprint Orienteering event. In 2021, Penelope ran 4m25 for the 1500m and 9m37 for 3000m, breaking a 35-year-old North Island Schools record and ranking her as New Zealand's top 3000m runner. She also received Bronze in the U20 NZ Cross Country Championships and qualified for the World U20 Championships in both 3000m and cross country. Penelope is regarded as Australasia's

From the age of 14 Penelope hoped to use her running success to pursue study and athletics at an Ivy League University. In deciding which university to attend, Penelope spoke to many university coaches and looked at their cross country and track teams. Penelope also took into consideration other factors that were important to her, such as the engineering program, class size, academic support, and location. She felt the coach and the girls' team at Harvard had a great team culture, and was the best fit for her in terms of what she was looking for in a university education. She was very happy and grateful to be accepted at Harvard and plans to major in Engineering.



Penelope's team won the British Sprint Relay Championships in Leeds in June 2022.

Penelope is living in the Harvard Yard this year and is very pleased to have the opportunity to train and run with the large group of girls on the track and field team at Harvard and race in the NCAA system. Penelope says the team environment at Harvard is incredible and that the team has meshed wonderfully and been very welcoming.

Prior to Harvard, Penelope was competing at least every second week at international orienteering competitions against some of the very best competitors in the world. She had an extremely busy couple of months in the Northern Hemisphere summer, during which she had some amazing experiences and has gained race knowledge that she can continue to build on and use in future years. For the future, Penelope is intrigued to see how far she can take her running in the NCAA system, and dreams of using her engineering studies in the renewable energy field.



top female orienteer and recently won the third stage D20 Elite Sprint at O-Ringen in Uppsala, Sweden (the world's largest orienteering competition) and competed in the World Orienteering Championships in Vejle, Denmark.

Milestones

Celebrating the achievements of Baradene alumnae, both in their professional and personal lives.

Amber Ward (Class of 2019) has received the University of Auckland Art History internship for 2023/24 to intern at the Guggenheim in Venice. Amber is currently completing her undergraduate degrees, a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Art History and a Bachelor of Global Studies majoring in International Politics, and will commence postgraduate study for her Masters in Art History in 2024. The internship is awarded to only two Art History students at the university each year and is very competitive and prestigious. During the internship, Amber will live in Venice for a period of time and work at Peggy Guggenheim's home and museum among one of the most amazing collections of modern art in the world.



Molly Penfold (Class of 2019) and Fran Jonas (Class of 2021) have both received contracts from New Zealand cricket for the first time.



Charizze Austin (Class of 2016), a Computer and Information Sciences graduate, was featured on *Seven Sharp* in June discussing her project to "help people make friends" by running "gals' brunches" for strangers. To date, Charizze has organised nine weekend brunches and connected 259 women. Reflecting on the project, Charizze says she has learned a great deal: Attendees really wanted to meet new people; cliques are intimidating; people want to do activities with others; it is very time-consuming to work out groups of people that will get on; and her final lesson was "it's super wholesome and satisfying bringing people together."

Alumnae sisters **Jessica Milicich (Class of 2013)** and **Gabrielle Milicich (Class of 2016)** were selected for the New Zealand Senior Women's Water Polo Team to compete at the FINA World Championships in Hungary. This year Jess has been working in the sports department at Baradene, and you can read more about her achievements and exciting future on page 19.



Bridget Hackshaw (Class of 1973)

In the May Issue of *Heart* magazine we featured Bridget's beautiful book *The Architect and the Artists: Hackshaw, McCahon, Dibble*. We are thrilled to report that Bridget's book went on to win The Judith Binney Prize for best first work of Illustrated Non-Fiction at the Ockham Book Awards.

Tupe Solomon-Tanoa'i (Class of 1998) was featured in the May 2021 issue of *Baradene Heart* following her win in the Diversity category of the New Zealand Women of Influence Awards. In 2021 Tupe was also named as one of New Zealand's most influential Lawyers by *NZ Lawyer* in the category of Human Rights, Advocacy, and Criminal Justice. In May 2022, Tupe was the guest speaker at The University of Auckland Law Student Awards and presented awards to two fellow Baradene alumnae. **Britney Clasper (Class of 2017)** received the Johnston Foundation Prize in Company Law, and **Isabella Graham (Class of 2016)**, who had graduated the previous day with a conjoint degree LLB (Hons)/BCom, received a Faculty of Law Dean's Academic Excellence Award.



Britney Clasper, Tupe Solomon-Tanoa'i, and Isabella Graham.



On 6 May 2022, **Caitlin Grant (née Agnew, Class of 2005)** and her husband Ryan welcomed their second son, Benjamin Alexander Grant, a playmate for big brother Theo. Caitlin is enjoying having time at home with the boys and will be returning to work part-time later in the year as a paediatric

dental specialist in both the private and public sectors in Auckland.

In 2019, **Georgie Salmon (Class of 2015)** studied at The Actors' Program, a one-year, intensive, industry-related drama course in Auckland. During that time, Georgie and four of her fellow acting students created a show called *Here If You Need*. In 2021, the project was funded by NZ On Air. The show follows Kate, who forms a social netball team to better understand the circumstances of her brother's death. Georgie plays the role of Ella, an intelligent and driven young professional grappling to navigate life when things don't necessarily go to plan. While it is for the most part a comedy, the show tackles themes of community and grief, with an aim to encourage conversations on mental health among youth. All six episodes are streaming on YouTube now.



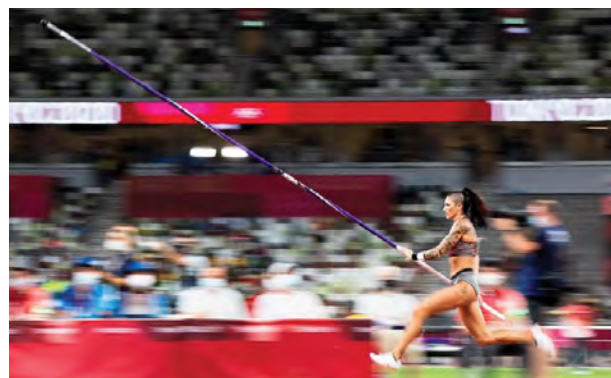
In July, before representing New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games (see page 4), **Portia Bing (Class of 2010)** represented New Zealand in the 400m hurdles at the World Championships in Eugene, Oregon. This was Portia's third World Championships, and she qualified for the semi-finals, finishing sixth and becoming the first New Zealand woman to make a hurdles semi-finals at

the World Championships. Having made the transition from the heptathlon in 2018, Portia has achieved multiple qualifications and has broken her own New Zealand record. Having studied law, Portia is a Counter Fraud Advisor for the Serious Fraud Office.

Chloe Leech (Class of 2010) and **Margaux Black (Class of 2010)** have co-founded a business in the UK called Pomelo Equity. Chloe studied Accounting and Business Law at the University of Otago, then worked in the corporate world, including six years for KPMG. Margaux studied creative writing and literature at The University of Auckland and worked in marketing, creative, and brand teams. Chloe and Margaux first met in Year 7 at Baradene in 2004, but Margaux left in 2006, and their paths didn't cross until they reconnected some years later when they were both living in Amsterdam. In early 2021 they moved to London and launched Pomelo Equity, which was formed to help companies set up employee equity schemes. They work with customers globally, from New Zealand to the Netherlands.



Alisha Lovrich (Class of 2011) is a sought-after sports photographer and has recently travelled to both the World Athletics Championships in Oregon and the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham to photograph the exciting track and field action. At both competitions, Alisha captured photographs of fellow alumna **Portia Bing (Class of 2010)** competing in the 400m hurdles, some of which we have used in this magazine (see pages 4-5). In addition, Alisha was thrilled to learn that she had been named as a finalist in the Athletics category of the World Sports Photography Awards. She had three images shortlisted: Katie Nageotte, Tom Walsh, and Anicka Newell (below).



This photograph of Anicka Newell is one of three of Alisha's images that were shortlisted in the World Sports Photography Awards.

In 2021, the book *Annapurna: Gastronomic Delights from my Fiji Indian Childhood* by **Nalini Naidu (Class of 1974)** was a finalist in Best of the Best 25 Gourmand Awards in the India/Sri Lanka category. *Annapurna*, a collection of dishes from Nalini's childhood, had previously won the South Pacific category for the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards in 2019. The book is set in the context of Fiji with an historical view of curries and how foods travelled from India to its diaspora.

During May, **Mary Beasley (née Simmons, Class of 1970)** and **Anne Banks (née Lyne, Class of 1970)** visited Baradene. It was a very nostalgic morning for them both. Mary was a boarder at Baradene from the age of four to 17, and has lived in the UK for the last 42 years, where she married and had four children. Anne was a day girl who began Baradene in Year 7. She and her husband returned to live in New Zealand in 2019 from Sydney, where they had also lived for 42 years. While in Sydney, Anne had



a career as a commercial property lawyer. Mary and Anne met Principal Sandy Pasley and Alumnae Association President Alice Gallagher, and spent a few hours with Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ in the Convent, looking at old photographs and reminiscing. They both have fond memories of their time at Baradene.

In Memoriam

In July, we learned that **Christine Morten (née Lagan, Class of 1968)** had died aged 72. Christine was known as Lil by her schoolmates, some of whom, such as Liz Fox, became lifelong friends. Liz says Lil was one of life's true colourful characters and she will be sorely missed. Lil was the younger sister of **Susan Maynard (née Lagan, Class of 1960)**, Head Girl in 1960, and **Barbara Lagan (Class of 1966)**, Deputy Head Girl and Dux in 1966.



In this photo from 1961, Christine in the fourth row, the last student on the right.

Baradene Connect

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Introduce, employ, and offer to act as a mentor to other alumnae.

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We now have over 800 alumnae registered on Baradene Connect, and each year we invite our Year 13 students to join the platform before they leave school and become alumnae. This powerful online tool will be of great benefit to our alumnae, particularly from a professional development and career perspective.

If you are an alumna of Baradene (or Erskine) College, register at baradeneconnect.co.nz.

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FAREWELL FROM OUR STUDENT LEADERS

Jodi Oria

Deputy Head Girl 2022

I will take away from Baradene:

I'm blessed to have made so many wonderful friendships throughout my seven years – I'll always consider these people to be an integral part of my life. The support I've received from my teachers and peers has helped me become the person I am today. I will always be appreciative of the opportunities and experiences I've had here; they are memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

The future:

I want to keep growing intellectually and personally. I currently wish to employ my love of the arts, and I aim to complete an architecture degree at Victoria University in Wellington. I hope to pursue a career as either an Environmental Architect or Interior Architect. In the future, I'd also like to travel and possibly work abroad.

A funny moment:

When I was in Year 7, my mum did what most parents do: She bought me a uniform that was three times bigger than my actual size so that I could grow into it. For a solid two years, I walked with my skirt dragging along the floor. I also carried a huge backpack, which towered over me! I've realised now that a smaller backpack was the way to go.

Abigail Mak

Head Girl 2022

I will take away from Baradene:

The memories and connections made within the Baradene community are certainly aspects of my school journey that I will cherish forever. I am deeply grateful for all the nurturing opportunities that have allowed me to learn from and walk alongside peers who inspire me, support me, and make me feel so well-loved.

The future:

I'm excited to start university and I aim to study a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, committing myself to a lifetime of learning while seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of those in the community. I believe it is my vocation to serve and outreach, being a source of comfort and joy to others, and I will keep striving to do my best!

A funny moment:

When we were rehearsing for the Year 10 Dance Challenge, a friend and I got stuck in the Jubilee lifts as we were carrying props, including a gigantic wooden door, while the whole class was waiting! We were worried it would be too tall, so I mistakenly pressed the stop button before we reached the top! It was very chaotic – luckily, my friend knew how to start the lift again!

Jenna Whiteman

Deputy Head Girl 2022

I will take away from Baradene:

I have been fortunate to spend the last seven years with the kindest and most talented people! I am grateful for all the friendships I have made and can confidently say that many will truly last forever. I am also so thankful for the can-do attitude that Baradene has instilled in me. I have been encouraged to try new things, and every one of them has been an amazing experience.

The future:

Next year, I aim to start a Bachelor of Advanced Science at the University of Auckland. This specialises in computer science, an area I've always been fascinated with. I love how the world of technology is continuously changing, and I am excited to continue my study and hopefully inspire many other women to head into this field.

A funny moment:

In Year 9, many of us loved a game called flappy golf. Before homeroom one day, one of the girls decided we should all play each other online. Almost the entire class was playing, trying to see who the ultimate flappy golf champion was. When our teacher came in, she was so confused, but it was a lovely way to become closer as a class.



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