



# Western Springs College

## Alumni & Friends

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**Mark the 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in your diary** - we will be having a reunion to celebrate 50 years at our Motions Road site! If you are interested in attending please register your interest by emailing Paula at [reunion@wsc.school.nz](mailto:reunion@wsc.school.nz) See more details below.

**Help organise the reunion.** We would love your input and would appreciate any assistance in making the event amazing and memorable. Please give Paula a call on 027 4510288 or email on [marxp@wsc.school.nz](mailto:marxp@wsc.school.nz).

**Feature in our next communication.** Email your story to [alumni@wsc.co.nz](mailto:alumni@wsc.co.nz)

**Our mission** is to re-connect with all students, teachers and friends of Western Springs College. We want to keep you up to date with what is happening at Western Springs College and build an Alumni community. Join at <http://westernsprings.school.nz/Alumni/>

### Celebrating 50 years of Education at Motions Road – Reunion, August 16, 2014.

2014 marks the 50th year since Seddon Memorial Technical College first opened at Motions Rd in 1964. Planning is well advanced to celebrate this milestone in the best possible way with a school reunion on August 16, 2014.

It seems extremely timely to be reflecting back over the past 50 years, as we look forward to the design and construction of a new Western Springs College. It is so important that we are mindful of our history and the people who have contributed to who we are today.

As we look to the wider community for support with the new school build, our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion offers an opportunity to showcase who we are and what we do, and to communicate our unique story.

This will be one of the last and best chances to take a guided trip through the old school ahead of the imminent demolition work which is now on the horizon. Come and join your old school mates and teachers to celebrate our special identity.

Ken Havill  
Principal

To register your interest in attending this event please email Paula at [reunion@wsc.school.nz](mailto:reunion@wsc.school.nz) Include your name, best contact phone number and your last year at school. We are busy planning this event and expect to have a programme and an online registration form available in the next few weeks.

**Spread the word...** we have a dedicated Facebook page for our reunion. PLEASE 'Like' our page and invite your friends to do the same. We will be posting developments on the reunion, so it is a great way to stay in touch.



**Have your details changed?** Email changes to [alumni@wsc.co.nz](mailto:alumni@wsc.co.nz)

**The winner of our Alumni registration competition**  
Kerry Williamson of Drury, Auckland.



Kerry won a Kobo mini e-reader and case. Thanks very much to everyone who registered to be a part of Western Springs College Alumni and let their friends know about the

**Help shape our reunion event.** Any offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated; we are currently looking for people to help with in following areas...

#### Memorabilia

Do you love history, enjoy going through old photos, have cataloguing skills? We want someone to help us put together our memorabilia displays.

#### Build our Alumni

We are also looking for someone who is enthusiastic about our alumni to help with the database and promotion of our alumni and reunion.

Just drop me an email or give me a call on [marxp@wsc.school.nz](mailto:marxp@wsc.school.nz) or 8156730 x 750 if you can help in any way.

#### **Our path to Western Springs College 2014.**

- Seddon Memorial Technical College moved to 100 Motions Road in 1964. The school moved from its three story Wellesley Street site due to an increasing role and the inclusion of non-technical subjects. The Wellesley Street School became Auckland University of Technology (AUT).
- Although classes began in 1964, lots of site work and building still needed to be completed.
- In 1966 the Gym was opened.
- In 1968 the school was renamed Seddon High School.
- In 1970 the Library was opened.
- In 1991 it was renamed as Western Springs College.
- In 2015/2016 Western Springs College is going to be rebuilt. We will have state of the art facilities to enhance the excellent level of education already provided at WSC.

#### **Our 50 year reunion – don't miss this opportunity.**

#### **Alumna, Neerali Parbhu is a product designer with a passion to help children.**

Neerali is a postgraduate Masters student at the AUT University, studying Product Design. Her product specialty lies within the field of designing medical products for Starship Children's Hospital.

She is currently working on a two year collaborative project with a range of different organisations, but most importantly with the support of Starship Foundation Five Star Sponsor Mercury Energy and their Star Supporters Club. This project revolves around the design of her child-friendly product 'Sprout IV Pole' with children and the nurses of Starship Children's Hospitals.



Neerali attended Western Springs College 2005-2009.

competition.

#### **What's happening at The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC)?**

TAPAC has started a Friday Club. It is for 10 - 14 year olds from 4pm - 6pm. It's a drop in space with tutors to teach your tween new skills. All the tutors are professional and fun and we cover a range of skills - circus, theatre, music, physical comedy, physical theatre, dance etc.

Every session costs \$5, to contribute to the pizza dinner.



#### **BISC – is our local business group.**

They are an enthusiastic supporter of Western Springs College. Membership of BISC offers fantastic networking and marketing opportunities. To find out how you can be a part of BISC check out their website

[www.bisc.org.nz](http://www.bisc.org.nz)



Neerali's child-friendly product  
Sprout IV Pole.

Neerali says, "I have always loved working with children, especially children with so much strength and courage to fight through ill health. They are inspiring and can teach adults a lot about being grateful for what they have and to persevere with a smile on their face.

My greatest success would be gaining the support and interest of Starship Foundation to implement my product in to Starship Children's Hospital. Many amazing product designers produce revolutionary designs, but without the support to test and manufacture such a product, they remain drawings on a page or a display model accumulating dust. Without the knowledge of manufacturers, nurses, sick children and their parents, the designer really cannot produce successful designs."

Source of inspiration: I have no "one source" of inspiration, but I love to observe. I draw inspiration from everything around me, the city, nature, family, friends, strangers, social media, music, everything and anything I am exposed to.

Greatest influence: People. My close friends. My family.

Working style: I like routine, I am great at making lists and plans and most often finish them. I need to multi-task otherwise I just get bored.

Likes: I enjoy running, this is a great way for me to process thoughts and get new ideas.

Dislikes: I cringe at the thought of smoking; I just don't know why you would.

My favourite life quote... Nothing in life worth having comes easy.

### 2013 NCEA results (NZQA Provisional)

Once again, Western Springs College students and staff can be very proud of the NCEA results achieved, with best ever Level 3 & U.E. Pass Rates and best ever Level 1 & 2 Excellence Certificate achieved by Springs students.

#### Certificate Pass Rates

- ❖ The University Entrance pass rate of 96% is the highest ever attained by WSC students.
- ❖ The Level 3 Certificate pass rate of 97% is the highest ever attained by WSC students.
- ❖ The Level 2 Certificate pass rate of 94% is the second highest at WSC since inception in 2004.
- ❖ The Level 1 Certificate pass rate of 86%.

#### Excellence Certification

The Level 1 and Level 2 Excellence Endorsement rates indicate that more than one in four Year 11 and Year 12 students were awarded an Excellence Certificate.

- ❖ A Level 1 Excellence Certificate was achieved by 27% (76/281) of Year 11 students – the highest percentage ever attained by WSC students.
- ❖ A Level 2 Excellence Certificate was achieved by 27% (67/248) of Year 12 students - the highest percentage ever attained by WSC students.
- ❖ A Level 3 Excellence Certificate was achieved by 13% (28/219) of Year 13 students – again a rate which has not previously been bettered.

These Excellence-level results represent very pleasing progress in terms of our school learning targets of increasingly high grade quality across all levels.

## WSC student Daisy Cleverley is hopeful she will represent NZ in the Women's U20s FIFA World Cup.



Daisy in the final qualifying game for the U20s FIFA world cup against Papua New Guinea.

Year 12 student Daisy has continued to achieve great things in her stellar football career.

Despite the challenge of coming back from a knee injury where Daisy was unable to play for three months, Daisy has been selected to represent NZ in the women's U17 FIFA World Cup and has also been selected for the wider squad of the NZ U20 women's team.

The U17 World Cup kicked off in Costa Rica with New Zealand playing their first game against Paraguay. Daisy scored an amazing goal, which she ran in from the half way mark. NZ drew 1 all with Paraguay.

The NZ U20s women's team have also qualified for the world cup with convincing wins against Vanuatu, Tonga and Papua New Guinea. The under U20s FIFA World Cup is being held in Canada in August - Daisy has been selected for the wider squad with the final squad of 21 being selected closer to the time.

Daisy says "it is going to be a very exciting year, but also a hectic one with a lot of juggling between training, playing and studying every day of the week. Both my parents and my school have been very supportive which has enabled me to keep everything going".

We have our fingers crossed for Daisy and wish her the very best of luck!

### Do you have an old school uniform from Seddon High?

We have long term loan of a boy's school uniform (circa 1964) belonging to a former Seddon Memorial Technical College student and would love to complete the set with a girl's uniform. If you have a uniform in satisfactory condition that you would be willing to loan or donate to Western Springs College, please email Paula on [marxp@wsc.school.nz](mailto:marxp@wsc.school.nz).

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