

Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The past few weeks have been extremely busy at Waihi College. **International groups** from Kyoritsu (Japan) and Jiading (China) have come and gone, **winter sport** is coming to an end, teachers are completing **course content** in preparation for upcoming exams, most teachers have completed their **1st Aid training** and ERO the **Education Review Office** has spent a week critiquing the school.

By the time you read this there will be only 8 school days before our end of year **Internal Practice Exams (September 18th – 23rd)** and 28 school days before the **External NCEA Exams. (November 10th – 28th)**. If you haven't already, it is now time to set your priorities firmly on preparing for and achieving a qualification. Put aside some of the extra things you do and focus on your studies. I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity.

After an intense week with **ERO** the Board of Trustees received verbal feedback about

the progress the school is making. Many positive comments were received and there were no issues of compliance. (We are doing what we are supposed to be doing!) ERO also alluded to four recommendations; Use of data in the classroom, Maori Achievement, consistency of classroom effectiveness and quality assurance. These recommendations will be confirmed when the formal report is received in a few weeks time. These recommendations will form part of a blue print for continuous improvement as we strive to improve learning outcomes for our students.

I have spent some time recently watching some of our **elite sports** teams contest finals and national tournaments and I have been nothing but extremely proud of the way our Waihi students have performed with passion, pride and skill, sometimes against the odds. I applaud all your efforts and congratulate all involved for the development and growth of our youngsters. Kia kaha.

Spring has arrived and it is nice to have the sun warming our backs as we attempt to chase the ills of winter away.

Alistair Cochrane

The Rock Band Tour



This newsletter can be found on the College Website—www.waihicol.school.nz

Waihi College – Whāia te iti kahurangi. Ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.

Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.

COLLEGE NEWS

Rock Band Tour Of Wellington

I think the following letter of thanks from Titahi Bay North School really sums up the 2014 Music Tour to Wellington:

"Today our 120 children and staff had the privilege of being entertained and taught by a wonderful group of talented young adults from Waihi College. What talented musicians, entertainers and communicators they are!

They were fantastic with the children and were very positive role models. It was great how the Band sat amongst the kids before the performance began to get to know their audience and then were called up one by one to begin their show. Also great how the band members engaged, interacted, danced with and played with the children as the performance unfolded. Our kids loved it!

We really appreciated the time the band spent with us and how skilled they were in engaging with their primary aged audience. At the end of the performance, after a much demanded encore, many of the students ran up to give the band members a big hug. That showed how much of a connection the Waihi College Rock Band members made with our youngsters – their audience.

Thanks so much for making this wonderful opportunity for our children possible. We look forward to Waihi College's music visit here at Titahi Bay North next time!"

Huge congratulations to our band members for such a successful tour – **Keegan Brown, Tyler Tamati, Josaye Frew, Siobhan Hare, Narada Bury, Ezra Thompson, Savannah Harvey and Nyah Frew.**

You are true professionals and we applaud your excellence.

Mr Bob Paton & Mrs Jenny Twidle

Waihi College now has a Facebook page for all the arts and cultural events. You can find us by searching for The Arts Waihi College. Please 'like' and follow this page to receive updates, photos and videos of our amazing Arts students.

Troupe Waihi At The Tutukaka Winter Festival

Troupe Waihi performed at a very wet and windswept winter festival last weekend in Tutukaka. Roving theatre offered entertainment to around 500 people in four different venues along the marina. The evening concluded with a fire performance by the Troupe, with 3 large fire sculptures and fire poi. The Troupe of 12 performers have received some wonderful feedback already from the client and festival goers. These students exhibited true resilience and professionalism, performing in challenging weather conditions.

Well done indeed team – Narada Bury, Siobhan Hare, Kasie Elliot-Smith, Shanai Atkinson, Dash Mackel, Nora Winkler, Cruize Murray-Faulkner, Sam Bayes, Ryan Fowell, Simon Ruddell, Abby Fraser-Jones and Jordan Scott.

Troupe Waihi has a Facebook page. You can 'like' us there and check out some more images from our 2014 gigs.

Jenny Twidle

Memphis Centre Fundraise For Daffodil Day

The Memphis Centre students spent a few days baking goodies for the Daffodil Day stall outside the



ANZ bank on Friday 29th August. We have made things over the last few years for the stall and there is always a great response to the delicious treats we make. This year some limes appeared in the staffroom which we snapped up and made into lime curd. We cut out daffodil shaped pastry cases and made lime tarts with handmade stickers with "Hope" written on them. Mrs Matich ordered some amazing striped lollipops and we helped to cut out cardboard daffodil

shapes to create our daffodil lollipops. Our slogan for them was..."Lets lick Cancer."

We took our treats down town and have raised \$100.00 to donate for Daffodil Day.

News from the Nurse

Spring is here and so are the pollens. I have been trying to help students with asthma learn how to manage it well so as to prevent them from missing out on sports and school time. Already several students have had a session or two with Mary Weal, the local Asthma Educator, here at school. She has been able to do a lung function test with them to ensure they are using their asthma devices correctly. So if you have asthma and would like to check you are controlling it instead of it controlling you please come and see me for an appointment with her.

BYOD

As of T4 students will be able to bring their own devices to school. The rules associated with this project are outlined in the BYOD agreement.

The minimum specifications for a BYOD device at Waihi College are:

Laptop:

A 10 inch screen or larger, 4GB RAM, 50GB free space minimum, Windows v7.0 or higher
Apple Mac 10.6 (Leopard) or higher
Wireless capability
CPU meets OS minimum requirements.

Tablet:

A 10 inch screen or larger
iOS v6 or higher
Android v4.1 or higher
Windows 8 surface
Wireless capable
A separate keyboard extension
Smart phones are not recommended.

Keeping Safe Online

Strengthen your computers defences. Keep all software (including your web browser) current with automatic updating. Install reputable antivirus and antispyware software. Never turn off your firewall. Protect your wireless router with a password and use flash drives cautiously.

COLLEGE SPORT

Thames Valley Badminton



Congratulations to all of our students who played in the TV Badminton Championships this month. In the senior competition, the girls had a great day with Brooke Mercer finishing runner-up and Lorielle Chapman and Celine Lang finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. Brooke and Lorielle also finished 3rd in the doubles. In the Junior event the girls results were: 1st Sabrina Chapman, 2nd Michaela Baker and doubles 1st



Sabrina and Michaela. And in the boys: 2nd Alfie Derham and 3rd Austin Martin and doubles 1st Alfie Derham and Ryan Miller. A very successful day. Many of these students are representing Waihi College at the Badminton Secondary School Nationals this week at the Mt, we wish them well.

Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys and Girls Basketball teams who



have both made the finals of the Thames Valley competition. These



will be played next Friday 12th September in Mercury Bay. Both of these teams have also been away to the small schools zone 1 and 2 prems that were held in Mt Maunganui this week. They both played some outstanding basketball, and their spirit and behaviour was a credit to our school. The boys came 7th and the girls came 10th. Thank you to Coaches, Kyle Anaru, Jarrad McHardy and Shannon Brady and also team managers Carlene Dillimore and Kylie Morgan for your hard work throughout the season and tournament. Good luck for next weeks finals!

Aims Games

Good luck to all of our Year 7 & 8's who are away playing in this year's Aims Games. We have entries in Cross Country, Badminton, Netball, Football and Basketball. Keep an eye on the sports facebook page for updates and photos.

Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball Trials

Tuesday 16th September 3.30 @ College Gym. These trials are for teams to play in the Thames Valley Basketball Primary School League in Term 4. This year it will be held in tournament style on the 2nd & 23rd November rather than over 6 weeks. If you are interested in coaching one of these teams please contact me.

Winter Sports Uniform

Most winter sports have either finished or are coming to an end. Can you please make sure all uniforms are cleaned and returned

to coaches a.s.a.p. for return to the school. If these are not returned you will be charged for the item. Netball dresses will need to be purchased from next year. If you are interested in buying the netball dress you have played in this season please speak to your coach.

Also any outstanding singlets and t-shirts from cross country and badminton need to be returned thank you.

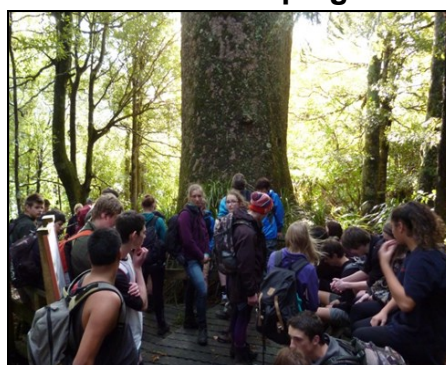
Kyoritsu Visit Netball



Thank you to Monique Kerr, Millie Dunstall, Emily Croker, Deija Gray, Kelli Purcell, Haylee Erasmus and Michaela Baker who helped teach our visitors Netball. The coaches did a wonderful job and all the girls had lots of fun.

Rachael Hall

Outdoor Ed Tramping



Congratulations to all students who have completed two of the three required tramps in the Kaimais. Both five hour walks were reasonably challenging, involving river crossings, map interpretation, and some good climbing in a range of weather conditions. Following this, students are expected to plan, prepare and lead their own group walk. All the best.

David Tait

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Money Week—Board Games

The first week of Term 4 is money week. I would like to have money games in the library for the students and was wondering if any of you out there would like to donate any board games to do with money you are not using anymore to the school Library.

Michelle Sutton



Science Help Thursdays After School

Exams are coming. Senior students are encouraged to seek extra help with their studies. In C block from 3.15pm every Thursday. Some staff are happy to help other afternoons too – just ask!

Leon Ruttersmith

English

Seniors: Exams are fast approaching!

If you need any help with finishing your assessments, making a resubmission, or working on your response techniques and language skills before the practice and external exams, help is available at lunchtimes.

At least one teacher is available everyday, and sometimes all three of them are. Help us to help you do the very best you can.

Check out B6, B8 or B9, and/or talk to your teacher.

Isobel Shepherd

Upcoming Events

September

8th-12th	Aims Games Tournament
10th	Y9 Vision/Hearing Catch Up
12th	House Sports—Y10-13 Volleyball
16th	Y11 MCAT External Exam
18th-23rd	Y11-13 School Exams
18th	TV Volleyball Y9-13
19th	House Sports—Y7-9
25th-26th	Spirit Days
26th	End of Term 3

October

13th	Start of Term 4
16th	Cultural Awards Evening
17th	101 Geo Field Trip
23rd	Sports Awards Evening

Immunisation – Important Message

Waihi College **NEEDS** to know the immunisation status of your child – it is important that we get a copy of your child's immunisation certificate.

Due to procedures that schools are required to follow when a confirmed case of a contagious health outbreak occurs; we need to have our student's health information updated. This will help identify those students who are at risk therefore preventing the spread of the disease. (This applies to ALL communicable disease).

The Ministry of Health state that any child who is not immunised may be required to be isolated at home in case of an outbreak such as measles. This could mean up to two weeks away from school.

To help us with this please provide a copy from your child's Well Child book or obtain a certificate from your doctors.

Please find below the number of the National Immunisation Register to help:

PH: 0800 100 273

NOTE: If we have no written evidence of immunisation your child will be classed as NOT Immunised.

Sue Gread

Waihi College Breakfast Club

We now have Breakfast Club operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Lower Pavillion.

Around 100 students visit to have a hot milo, cereal or toast and then on a Wednesday waffles or spaghetti on toast are added to the menu. We have a fantastic team of student helpers and several ladies from the community come into help. Our main cost is around supplying Milo each morning so we would be grateful; for any donations.

Carolyn Graveson

MOE Website

www.parents.education.govt.nz
A website about education for parents and carers. Answers to your questions, practical info and early years to young adults.

Waharau Outdoor Education Centre

As part of the Y10 programme there will be a full week camp in Week 5 of Term 4, 10 —14 November 2014 at the Waharau Outdoor Education Centre. The cost has been set at \$70.00 per student, this includes accommodation, food, transport, and activities. We appreciate that finance can be difficult so if you wish to set up a payment arrangement please phone Sue Gread in the front office otherwise we would appreciate payment in full before the 1st November.

Carolyn Graveson

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Thursday 11th and 25th September—9.30am—2.00pm.

Closed for lunch – 12.00-1.00pm

For these services:

- Glue ear assessment and management
- Treatment of discharging ears
- Grommet checks
- Wax/foreign body removal

All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

For enquiries phone 07 838 3565.

CASH for Communities

Earn \$\$\$ for your school with PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities. Any farmer who purchases Balance Agri-Nutrients on their Wrightson account between 1st September and 30th November 2014 can earn cash for their local community, school, St John or Rescue Helicopter.

Waihi College School Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Student Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

Kahn Stevenson duly elected.

Rose Buckingham
Returning Officer