



### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatau  
Term Two is now well underway and I am looking forward to a term that is a little more settled. We are endeavoring to minimize the amount of out of class time to ensure particularly senior students can focus on their studies. There are also a variety of support classes/tutorials on offer during lunchtime and afterschool. Please talk to your teachers about these opportunities and take up the opportunity if you are struggling with the concepts and skills required.

It was awesome to see Skye Wilkins (Y13-2014) Design portfolio published as an exemplar on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website. Big ups to Skye and her teachers but also it shows that Waihi students can achieve at the highest level.

**Keep reaching for the stars and you will be judged by your achievements!**

Winter sport is also now with us and I look forward to seeing you on the sideline supporting our students.

**Always play to win but PLAY FAIR.**

- **A good player is:**
  - Always looking to improve their skills.
  - More interested in improving the team than the result.
  - A humble winner and a gracious loser.
  - Respectful of the referee or umpire.
- **A good spectator is:**
  - Always positive, supportive and encouraging.
  - Respectful of the opposition and their supporters.
  - Recognizing of skill and talent regardless which team displays it.

**H100 ANZAC** commemorations have been a focus over the past few weeks and I was delighted see significant numbers of students honoring those who in the past have fought for our freedom. I compliment the parents, teachers and community organisations for passing on those outstanding values to their children and young people. In my opinion the future of our country is in very good hands as the majority of our youth have strong values and are developing into outstanding citizens of our community.

*Alistair Cochrane*

### Year 12 Geography Trip to the South Island



This newsletter can be found on the College Website—[www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)

**Waihi College – Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.**

*Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain.*

## COLLEGE NEWS

### South Island Geography Trip

For Year 12 Geography we went on a field trip to the South Island. On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March we all met bright and early (5am) and headed for Auckland Airport to catch our flight to Christchurch. For our first adventure we set out to Flockhill Lodge for two nights. While staying there we went underground caving, tramping to the Devils Punchbowl Waterfalls where some of the most daring ones (me) swam in water that was 7 degrees. For the next 3 days we stayed at two other campgrounds (Fox Glacier and Glentanner). On this trip we drove for hours through the amazing Southern Alps and tramped to the tops of mountains that had the most breathe-taking views, we experienced some of the most amazing glaciers, mountains and landscapes and learnt so many new interesting things about our beautiful country.

This trip to the South Island would not have been possible without our teacher, Mr Hennessy, Rachael and Jen who were great fun to go away with. This would be my favourite trip I have been on in my school life and I know everyone who went enjoyed it and have memories they won't forget.

*Elizabeth Willis*

### Kelly Tarltons Visit

The Memphis Centre students, Te Huia, Kelsey, Nevada, Rose and Jeanie finally got to go on their trip to Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium last week. The trip was originally



scheduled for Term 4 last year but

had to be postponed twice but it was worth the wait. After studying about the oceans and Seaweeek it was exciting to finally see the sea creatures up close. Favourites were the penguins, sharks, stingray, octopus and the huge hermit crabs.

We were lucky to time our visit with feeding times and the students enjoyed being splashed by the 200kg stingrays as they jostled to get fed. The penguins were up close and very curious.

We loved Kelly Tarltons.

### WINTECH

In the past few years a limited number of Waihi College students have been able to access trade training one day a week in Kopu, Thames (through the Trades Academy). During these days students are trained by WINTEC tutors at tertiary level trade courses. The student outcomes have been very positive, with most students gaining employment from the programme, if not immediately, then certainly soon after they complete the course. We believe that our student community would benefit from furthering and expanding these opportunities for our students.

The benefits of a 'secondary – tertiary' partnership for our students include;

Being able to undertake training in specific industries whilst still retaining enrolment at Waihi College (accessing tradition classroom education and experiencing school life e.g. school sports teams, cultural, and social activities with their wider peer group).

Being able to experience working in an industry that they're curious about (they can see if a trade is really for them).

Being able to start their pre-apprenticeship training earlier.

Being able to access unit standards not available at secondary level.

Being more familiar with a local tertiary trainer to take that step at the end of school.

Rich real life contextualize learning.

Accessing learning locally (not

travelling a couple of hours each day).

To build on this Waihi College (and the greater Waihi Community) have been investigating forming a tighter educational partnership with WINTEC. At this stage we are looking at 2016 as our first year of training based here in Waihi. There will be a community **information presentation on Wednesday the 13th of May at 4pm here at Waihi College**, to further explain how we hope to facilitate this link. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to find out more information. The business community will be encouraged to come and explain what skills and knowledge they believe our students need to find employment in the local area, rather than having to move further afield for employment. The agenda for this community meeting will be:

Informal welcome – tea, coffee and biscuits.

A formal introduction of the Wintec and College staff/team.

A presentation of a possible model of what is being proposed.

Open forum for some questions and answers, and general discussion.

A survey form for parents, employers and students to complete, so we can gather thoughts and ideas to better help shape our planning for 2016.

We are hoping to have a good representation of our local communities employers and parents in attendance.

*Justin Harper*



### Host Families Needed

If you have not considered hosting an international student before or if you have and you would like to host again, now is the time to get in touch. Please contact Diana Board on 027 475 5900 or email at [dianab@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:dianab@waihicol.school.nz) for further information about hosting and host family payments. We would love to hear from you.



## Wrestling



The Harrison brothers continue to take the wrestling arena by storm already amassing 7 medals between them this year at the highest level. 5 for 14 year old Sam and 2 for 17 year old Jacob.

They competed at the Auckland Secondary School Championships on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Sam coming away with a Gold medal in the U42kg class and a Silver in the U46kg class. Jacob also came top of his weight division claiming Gold in the U55kg section.

Both brothers then went on to represent Waihi College at the New Zealand Secondary School Wrestling Championships on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Sam achieving Gold in both the U42kg and U50kg sections and Jacob in the U55kg.

In April Sam was lucky enough to be chosen as part of the New Zealand wrestling team to go on a 3 week tour to the USA. Visiting Oregon and California they had wrestling meets against school teams. On the 11<sup>th</sup> April the team competed in the Sonora Wrestling Tournament and Sam achieved a Bronze Medal in the 95lb division.

Waihi College is very proud of these young athletes' achievements and we look forward to following their future successes.

## Winter Sports

Most winter sports have now started their seasons. We wish all of our athletes good luck, play hard but play fair. And be proud of your school!



## Thames Valley Pairs Lawn Bowls



Congratulations to Jack Hendy and Simon Wild who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and also to Kush Sandhu and Hamish Preddy who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Bowls Championships on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## Rippa Rugby

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 and 8s who competed at the Waihi Rippa Rugby day, two of our teams will now go through to the Thames Valley regional event to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Goodluck!



## Rotorua Mini Marathon Event



Congratulations to Hamish Brown, Kobe Taylor, Ben Hennessy, Corbyn Mathers and Ashton Owen-West on completing the Rotorua Mini Marathon. They ran 40km before the event - big thanks to Miss D for all her hard work. Over 1600 young athletes from primary schools across the BOP competed. We are proud of you boys!

## Facebook Page

Don't forget to join the Waihi College Sport Facebook page to keep up to date and see photos of our athletes. If anyone has photos from around the different codes, please send them to me.

Thanks.

Rachael Hall

## Careers Notice Board

Congratulations to Narada Bury for his selection by the NZ Defense Force to attend their defense Careers Experience in the holidays. Narada had an awesome time.

This term BOP Polytech and NZ Defense Force have visited.

Upcoming Events:

May

8 Wintech 2.10pm

12 Victoria University 9.00am

12 Engineering in Action (Hamilton)

13 Medical Careers -Waikato

22 Waikato University Open Day

29 WINTECH-Huge Day Out

June 26 BOP Polytech Open Day

The NZ Defense Recruiting Organisation have invited two more nominations to their next Defense Careers Experience (Whenuapai, Devonport 5-8 July)

Roger Hunt

## A Taste Of Matarangi

Troupe Waihi performed at one of their biggest festival gigs ever during our Autumn School Holidays. A contingent of 15 performers flooded the festival with over 17 different acts. Festival organisers were thrilled with the performance of Troupe Waihi and have invited them back next year. The festival raised \$10,000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and Troupe were proud to help this worthy cause.

## World Vision 40hr Famine

Under no circumstances should our community give sponsorship money to anyone for the 40hr Famine UNLESS they have booklet and issue you a receipt!

Students who want to take part in the Famine this year can see Service Leader Justine Hollis to sign up and collect their 40HR Famine pack.

## COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### News from the Nurse

Winter is almost here and the dreaded nasties have started. A few people have succumbed to cold viruses already. Flu vaccines are available free for any student who has a chronic health condition such as diabetes asthma or other conditions that may be worsened if they get the flu. So contact your doctor for further advice or better still an appointment. There was an interesting article in the NZ Herald on Tuesday in relation to asthma and how casual we in NZ are about it. If you regularly use any form of inhaler and your asthma is worse in winter then come in and have a chat with me to make sure your treatment is best, you understand how to use your inhalers correctly and know what triggers your asthma. This is the time of year when it is often wise to increase you inhaler use to prevent needing too many days off school. But you

should not do this without medical advice. So don't delay – come my way!

*Ruth Parsons*

### Peer Support



Overall I believe the 2015 Peer Support Program was a huge success! As a Year 13 I found it to be a fun and rewarding experience as I was able to get to know an amazing bunch of Year 7's and help them begin their journey through Waihi College. Each Thursday, a group of 3-5 Year 13 students would meet up with a group of Year 7's from the same house, and participate in a variety of team building games and activities. I really believe that because of this program, the Year 7's were able to get to know different members of their same year group; students who may not have gone to the same primary as them but will now share their experience of moving through each year level of the school. It also was a chance for the Year 13's to take on leadership roles as we are now the eldest in the school and must set an example. I can happily say that on the behalf of the Year 13's that we wish the Year 7's all the best in their future and that you are an awesome group of young people! Although peer support has unfortunately come to an end, please feel free to approach us with anything throughout the rest of the year. Finally and most importantly is that you seize every opportunity, and have fun, you are only Year 7 once so make the most of it!

*Amy Fry*

### Homework/Learning Support

Every Thursday from 3:20 to 4:30 Waihi College will be running a homework/learning support class for students from Year 7, 8 and 9. This will be held in B7. This is an opportunity for students to get support with learning they are doing in class. If you wish to find out more please contact Vicki Spiers.



### Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Thursday 7th May—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.

### Tips for Online Safety Create Strong Passwords and Keep Them Secret.

Make them long phrases or sentences that mix capital and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. Use different passwords, especially for sites that keep financial information.

### Come and Join Squash Club Nights

Starting Friday 24th April from 6pm onwards. \$3 for non-members.

Everyone welcome.

Any enquires phone Kaylea on 022 340 1139 or Kathy on 021 599 637.



### Sewing Alterations

For all school sewing alterations and repairs phone Chris Forster on 863 9419. Reasonable rates.

### Upcoming Events

#### May

8th	Capture the Flag Activities
8th	VE Celebration RSA
8th	WINTTECH Presentation
11th	WBOP Badminton
11th	WSS Golf Champs
12th	Engineering in Action
12th	Victoria Uni Presentation
13th	TV Cross Country
13th	TV Y7/8 Rippa Rugby
13th	Waikato Hospital Talk
14th	Attitude Presentations
15th	Interhouse Tug'o'War
18th	BOT Meeting
18th-22nd	Y8 Girls Self Defence
20th	WC Squash Tournament
21st	Student Exchange Meeting
22nd-24th	40 Hour Famine
22nd-23rd	Outdoor 1st Aid
22nd	Pink Shirt Day
22nd	Ultimate Frizbee Y9-13
22nd	Waikato Uni Open Day
26th	Katikati Exchange
26th	NZ Blood Service
29th	Ultimate Frizbee Y7/8
29th	Troupe Waihi Trip
31st-2nd	Kayak Leadership Course

#### June

3rd-5th	Junior Production
3rd	TV Squash
3rd	WBOP Badminton