

# Waihi College Newsletter



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



NCEA EXAMS are rapidly approaching with most students starting their external exams early next week. To help students stay focussed, only those students who can prove to us that they will get their relevant qualification will be released for study leave (A privilege not a right). Those students who remain at school will work with their teachers to hopefully gain the necessary credits. Please encourage your students to make the best use of their time. (See the enclosed exam timetable)

Last Thursday we celebrated the sporting achievements of our students at the **Elite Sports Awards Dinner**. Congratulations to Petra McCowatt (Sportswoman), Marc Everson (Sportsman and Supreme Award), Girls A Basketball (Team) and Reuben Wells (Coach) for winning their respective categories. 2015 has been an exceptional year on the sports fields/courts and I would like to thank all those who have helped out. Congratulations to all students who were recognised and I wish you all the best for the future.

The Board of Trustees has decided to outsource the provision of **UNIFORMS** as from the beginning of 2016 to a Hamilton Company call "The Direct Group" who specialise in school uniforms and have a strong presence in the Waikato

marketplace. This decision was made for two main reasons: 1. there are significant savings in the costs of uniforms to parents/caregivers; 2. time savings for the school.

Uniforms will be purchased online or at the beginning of the year sales directly. as from the beginning of 2016. An information sheet will be coming home to all parents shortly so please look out for it.

There will be some changes to the current uniform but these will be phased in over the next two years as current stock wear out.

To all those students **not returning to Waihi College** next year I hope that your journey through life is rewarding and positively exciting. Remember that you have become part of our community, you have helped to build our Turangawaewae (Our place to stand) so we look forward to your return, to catching up and sharing your journey. Kia kaha (Stand tall and be proud)

A reminder to parents that the **End of Year Junior Prize Giving's** are scheduled as follows:

**Year 9 and 10 Prize Giving**

**1.45pm Thursday 10th December**

(Y9/10 students are not required at school on Friday.)

**Year 7 and 8 Prize Giving**

**9.30am Friday 11th December**

(Buses will run at approximately 11.15am.)

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Elite Sports Awards Dinner



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

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Leo Club

An exciting thing has happened at Waihi College! We have a new Leo Club. Part of Lions International, Leo Clubs were first formed in 1967, are usually school based and are for youth aged 12-18 years old. We had a fabulous turn out for our Leo Club launch and induction on Tuesday night. Our sponsor club, the Waihi Lions invited our Leo members and their families to the Waihi Memorial RSA for a delicious two course meal, followed by presentation of membership certificates and Leo Club lapel pins. District Leo Club Chairman, Eugene Van Der Merwe presided over the formalities, with other special guests including District Lions Governor Jim Towersey, Zone Chairman Alan Hay, Head Boy Cruise Murray-Faulkner, Head Girl Kate Dunstall and HDC Councillor Max McLean. We are excited to have a Leo Club and look forward to growing our Waihi College Community Service endeavours in 2016.



The new Leo Club President is Justine Hollis, who has been the school's student Service Leader this year. One of her goals this year was to get as many students as possible involved in community service. "We are excited to give back to our community. The Leo Club gives us a good base, working alongside the Waihi Lions to help make a difference in our community", says Justine. The Lions motto is "We Serve" and the Leo name incorporates their motto "Leadership, Experience, Opportunity". Lions are ordinary people from all walks of life who enjoy getting together and doing good things. They are kind and generous people who want to help. Lions work on projects to improve

communities and protect the environment. They get enormous satisfaction from the knowledge that what they do DOES make a difference.

Service Coordinator and Leo Club Advisor, Jenny Twidle, is very proud of the school's new Service group. "Leos and Lions are recognised throughout the world. Our projects help those in need locally and globally. The founding members of our Leo Club are some of our best student service role models and can wear their Leo pins with pride".

### From the Nurse



Summer is almost here and the days are getting warmer with some good sunny days recently. I hope you are all getting more time outside but at the same time taking care of how long you are spending in the sun. Don't forget to be putting on the sunblock regularly during the day and also wearing sunhat and glasses. NZ has one of the highest rates of melanoma in the world but if we remember to protect ourselves we lessen the chances of getting skin cancers or other skin damage due to exposure to the sun.

Enjoy yourselves but keep safe.

*Ruth Parsons*

### External Exams

It is now the time of year that students should be fully focussed on their studies for External Examinations. **It would be great to have parents and caregivers give as much support as they can to students.**

#### **Top five study tips for parents:**

**Speak to teachers:** your child's teachers know what is happening at school and how your child is progressing. Ask for guidance when you need it - teachers know how NCEA works and understand it well.

**Provide a suitable study environment:** students need a quiet, organised and well-lit space to study for NCEA exams.

**Balance study with free time:** it is important that students remain in a positive frame of mind and keep

relaxed. In addition to studying ensure your child is sleeping well, taking regular breaks, eating well, getting fresh air, and staying in touch with their peers.

**Double check students' preparation:** make sure you and your child know how they are going to get to their exams, what the exam room rules are, and what students need to have with them. Remind them to bring their admission slips. Allow plenty of time to get to exams early and plan for what you might do if something unforeseen happens – for example, alternative transport plans in case of bus or train delays.

**Know the exam timetable:** NCEA exams are national exams so students do the same exam at the same time no matter where they live. Make sure you know what exams your child is sitting, and when, so that you can support them beforehand and talk to them afterwards about how the exam went.

The NCEA timetable is available online at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

Please remember that school will be operating a normal timetable and we encourage students to make the most of the teachers time and resources in school as they can.

### Student Loans and Allowances for Tertiary Study 2016

Year 13 students who plan on tertiary study next year are strongly encouraged to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by 16 December.

StudyLink expects around 180,000 students to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan for the 2016 academic year.

Applying by 16 December means StudyLink can get everything sorted so that the student receives their funding from the start of their course.

Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply. Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. It's more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application

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process to be completed.

Students can find out more about applying for a student loan and allowance on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better—go straight to [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz) to apply now.

Roger Hunt

## WCSEA

### High Performance Sports Academy

Applications close on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, forms available from the Student Centre. Fitness testing will be carried out on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November @ 7am in the College Gym**. If you are unable to make this session, please contact Tracy Te Wake 021 334 442 or Karl Budgen 027 201 2017, to make arrangements to complete testing before Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

For more information please contact;

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### Sport Waikato Secondary School Awards

**Huge congratulations to:**

Johnnie Andrews-Nye—Ice Hockey

Marc Everson—Surf Life Saving

Mr Brent Willoughby—Service to Sport



### Charity Headshave Photos



### Thursday 24th September



## Twilight Market!

- Waihi East School's LifePod Fundraiser

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**4:00pm-6.30pm**

Something for Everyone:

Live music, plants and garden produce, bric-a-brac,

cake stall, raffles, food stalls,

Christmas decorations and more!

*Come along, join in the fun and help us fundraise funds for LifePod infant incubators!*

Waihi East School, Donnelly St

[www.waihieastschool.co.nz](http://www.waihieastschool.co.nz)

*Waihi College thanks Gold FM 96.4 for their support of our students.*

## COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Waihi College School

#### Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Student Election Results.

#### Votes:

Yvette Kingsford	117
Ezra Thompson	76
Sophia Richards	70
Shaun McNeil	37
Sarah Boggiss	33
Kahn Stevenson	20
Amy Magyar	17
Invalid Vote	8

I hereby declare Yvette Kingsford duly elected.

Rose Buckingham  
Returning Officer

return all your books and tidy up all fees.

Once you are all signed off and fees paid you will get you Reo Mano.

Note: Teachers will be in the Hall between 9 -12am and 1 – 3pm.

If you can't make this day come in some time before school ends and do your clearance.

### Rugnet Meat Raffle Winners

The winning ticket numbers for the Rugnet meat raffle drawn Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Half a beast - Ticket no. 0042

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Hogget – Ticket no. 0322  
Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported us.

your name, how people can search for you and make comments, and how to block people.



Waihi Family Dental Centre is now open at 6 School Lane Waihi, and are providing **FREE** dental treatment for Year 9 to Year 13 students.

**For all you 17 year olds, ensure you see us before you turn 18 for your LAST FREE dental treatment.**

All new enrolments will receive a Wristband Flashdrive. We also offer 'FREE WIFI'.

To make an appointment or for any further information please phone 863 7272.



### Sport and Trip Fees 2016

Please Note: Students will not be able to participate in sporting activities in 2016 unless their previous years sporting fees have been cleared. You are more than welcome to come and discuss a way to help you clear these.

Also any trips must be paid for before the trip date or a commitment needs to be made with Sue at Reception.



### Documents Day

Documents day for all Senior Students (Years 11 – 13) is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Mufti).

Please come in to school and



### Upcoming Events

#### November

6th-2nd	NCEA Exams
8th-10th	Raglan Surfing Trip
16th	TV Ultra Rip Y9/10
17th	Year 7/8 Athletics
18th-20th	Mayor Island Trip
19th	TV Junior 3on3 B/B
20th	Year 7/8 Triathlon
23rd-25th	Tongariro Trip
24th	BOP Zone Y7/8 Athletics
26th	Year 7-10 Gala
27th	<b>Academic Prize Giving</b>
30th-4th	Year 10 Camp

#### December

2nd	<b>Documents Day</b>
2nd-4th	Year 6 Open Days
2nd	Amazing Race
3rd	<b>Cultural Awards Evening</b>

# Hauraki Plains RURAL SHOW 2015

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**Calf Club ★ Stalls ★ Top Team ★ Young Handlers**  
**FREE Family Day Out ★ NO DOGS!**

Follow us on **Hugh Hayward Domain**  
**7th November 2015**

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