

Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It is my pleasure to write this beginning of the year message on behalf of Alistair Cochrane who will be spending Term One on a Ministry awarded study sabbatical. Mr Cochrane is undertaking personal investigation into the transitions of students from secondary school into trades, apprenticeships and training.

2016 shapes up to be a very promising year for Waihi College. The school begins the calendar in a strong position. We can boast some record NCEA results from 2015 which are indicative of the quality of education available to all our students. I am pleased to say that we begin the year with full staff, where we can boast of specialist qualified teachers in all of our teaching positions.

Staff at Waihi College are focusing this year on empowering our students to be more self-engaged in their learning. This takes two main forms of professional development; 1) Quality Feedback and 2) Clear Learning Intentions and Success Criteria. The net effect of this should be that your child will be better able to describe what they're learning in class. To best achieve at their academic best our staff will be focusing on encouraging, challenging and supporting our students – this of course requires hard work and determination.

Some exciting changes that 2016 will bring to Waihi College include our afternoon XPLORE sessions. This initiative has been in the planning for over two years and has exceptional potential. All of the staff at Waihi College have been formulating programmes of engagement for students to select from. Next week our students will pick three options from 90 possibilities. These include; over 25 sports, five languages, remedial learning, hobbies, life skills and enrichment learning. Your child will commit to a terms worth of XPLORE and then pick another three options for Term Two.

Around the grounds and facilities the College begins some large scale building projects; a revamp of the music block, new International Department offices, removal of P Block prefabs and the construction of two new blocks for our Year 7 & 8 students. Other 2016 building projects include; the swimming pool changing rooms, new fire alarm systems and heating in C Block.

As acting Principal for Term One I aim to provide the best possible educational experience to your child. If you have any concerns or queries please contact me so I can be proactive and work to find a solution. I am looking forward to seeing the return of all our students and the recommencement of their success in learning.

Nga mihi nui.
Justin Harper

Special thanks to Bill Owens of Owens Flooring Ltd who re-surfaced the College Hall floor for free during the holidays.

Year 13 Camp 2016



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

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 13 Camp 2016

Day One

The bus bay was filled with beaming smiles filled with anticipation to what was ahead. We were soon on route to Aongatete Lodge. Everyone unloaded their gear and then we were straight into it, the group began with team bonding activities. House spirit was next on the itinerary, the houses began creating their house flags and chants, and you could see the rivalry between each house increasing. After lunch we were all split into eight activity groups, our first team challenge was the amazing race which team 2 came on top. Mr Wells arrived with a guitar in his hand ready to teach us all the school song, after a few practices we began to sound less tone deaf and it began to sound like music in our ears. After dinner we finished the night with debating, by then everyone was tired and ready for a good nights sleep.

Day Two

The theme for the day was citizenship and personal skills. In the morning, activities involved goal planning, time management and decision making. After lunch was the all anticipated bush walk to the swimming hole and after a few slips and scratches we arrived. The water was ice cold but that didn't stop us, people were jumping off rocks left, right and center. After a few close calls and hearts stopping we all got back in one piece. The scratches were covered and make up was on, it was time for our formal dinner. We welcomed the teachers onto the lodge with the school song and a haka. We sat down with our dates for the night, whilst once again Mrs Hill put on a mean feed for us all. After we ate as kings we said goodbye to the teachers, and formalities over it was now time for the real fun, skits. The skits as expected caused the room to explode in laughter, let's just say what happens on camp stays on camp.

Day Three

Tired faces filled the breakfast hall, the lack of sleep had caught up to us. After breakfast we learnt and taught each other activities in

preparation for peer support. It was now clean up time and soon after the lodge was spick and span, all that was left was the traditional year thirteen camp photo. On behalf of all the year thirteen students we would like to sincerely thank all the hard work put in by Mr Hennessy, Mr Tait, Mr Smith, Mr Allen as well as the great chef Mrs Hill.

Yvette Kingsford & Amy Wolfenden

NCEA Information Evening

The College have an information about NCEA Night planned for week three of Term One on Tuesday the 16th of February. This will be held in the College staffroom from 6pm onwards and will probably go for about an hour. All welcome.

Celebration of NCEA Endorsement

The College has scheduled a time to celebrate the success of those students who have picked up an overall endorsement (or a specific subject endorsement) for NCEA in 2015. This will be held on the fourth week of the term on Tuesday 23rd February from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the College Hall. All students and parents welcome.

Absences

All absences must be explained by either a phone call the morning of the absence, or a note for the Learning Area Teacher the next day.

Please expect a phone call for unexplained absences.

The Student Centre has a cell phone for parents to text in on—021 830 055.

Appointments

If a student has a dental or doctors appointment they must sign out and in at the Student Centre. They then either hand in their appointment card or take a slip from the Student Centre to be signed by the receptionist at the Medical Centre or Dentist.

Late Students

Any student who is late for school must bring a note with them explaining why they are late.

New Staff 2016



Hannah Gifford-PE & Health



Kate Morley - English



Ray Garmonsway—Tech



Lisa North—International



Yu Ling Jiang-From Taiwan



Casey Davies-Maths/Science

COLLEGE SPORT

Inline Hockey

Congratulations to Jamie Mudford who has been selected for the New Zealand Junior Women's team and



Katie Lovell for the New Zealand Senior Womens team which will be competing in the AAU Junior Olympics held in Hawaii in July 2016.

Koru Development U18 Squad

Congratulations to Kelli Purcell who was called into the NZ U18 Koru



Development Basketball Touring Team to travel to Australia on 6 January, however due to the short notice (3 days) and prior commitments, she made the very difficult decision not to travel with the squad. We wish her all the best in her endeavours this year.

Surf Life Saving

Congratulations to Yvette Kingsford on her Silver Medals in the North Island U19 Surf Boat Champs and also in the Open NZ Surf Boat Regional Challenge and the U10 Eastern Regional Championships. This team also included our ex-students, Grace Clare and Katrina Pipe.

A fantastic achievement for their first year rowing. The boy's team



also competed to a high standard, gaining a silver medal as well. This team included ex-students Marc Everson, Dylan Horne and Mack Smith.

Athletics

Congratulations to our young athletes who have continued with their athletics over the summer. Aria Waite and Hayley



Morgan are currently training and competing at club events throughout the region with their 1st at Tokoroa on the 6th February. Aria achieved 1st in the 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump, Shot Put and Relay and 2nd in the 800m in the 11 year old section. Hayley achieved 1st in the High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, and 100m and 2nd in the 200m in the 10 year old section.

Awesome work girls. Great to see our new Year 7s performing so well!

Basketball Trials

Monday 15th February

3.30-5pm - Year 7/8 Boys
5.00-6.30pm - Year 9/10 Boys
6.30-8pm - All Senior Boys

Tuesday 16th February

3.30-5pm - Year 7/8 Girls
5.00-6.30pm - Year 9/10 Girls

6.30-8pm - All Senior Girls

AIMS Games Football Trials

Trial date for the boys will be Thursday of Week 6.

Cheerleading Trials

Monday 22nd February 3.30-5pm.
All welcome.

NZ Touch

Good luck to Deija Gray who is playing in the NZ Touch Nationals starting this Thursday for the



Thames Valley U17 Mixed team! As a warm-up to the Nationals the team played in and won the Tri Series Tournament. Congratulations Deija.

Representative Basketball Trials – BOP and TV

14th February Please see Sports Notice Board for Details.

Other Sports....

Netball trial dates will go up on the noticeboard next week, along with rugby weigh in dates.

Please keep an eye out for these here as well as in the school notices and on the Sports Facebook page and for all other sporting news and events.

Girls Football

Pre-season 5 aside sessions will begin Wednesday 17th Feb from 5.30pm in the College Gym for all year levels.

Rachael Hall

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Student Leaders 2016

Head Students – Yvette Kingsford & Luke Fraser

Deputy – Myden Tait-Cotton

Sport – Korrina Lindsey

Service – Sharondeep Sandhu

Academic – Claudia Garcia

Cultural – Ezra Thompson

2016 Deans

Year 7 — Ross Cooper/Reuben Wells—email

rossc@waihicol.school.nz

reubenw@waihicol.school.nz

Year 8 — Reuben Wells/Ross Cooper—email as above

Year 9—Dot Carter—email

dotc@waihicol.school.nz

Year 10—Carolyn Graveson—email

carolyng@waihicol.school.nz

Year 11 — Levonne Dodunski—email

levonned@waihicol.school.nz

Year 12—Luke Devery—email

luked@waihicol.school.nz

Year 13—Brian Hennessy—email

brianhe@waihicol.school.nz

Karen Mackie-Syndicate Head Y7/8

Squash News

Business house squash starts on March 4th until end of the term. Enter a team at \$40/team or enter as individuals and we'll pop you in a team at \$10 a player. Each team should try to play 2 members and 2 non-members each week. You can have as many as you wish in your team as long as 4 people turn up each Friday night to challenge other groups.

Team names/ individual entries to Dot at dotspot@xtra.co.nz or 027 689 7429 by March 1st.

Be in to win! Get fit the fun way. Racquets available First round starts at 5-30pm.

New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad

(better suited to students in years 11-13)

This is a national competition in which you are given the opportunity to take part in a problem-solving challenge quite unlike anything you will have experienced before. It offers you the opportunity to develop academic abilities in analysis and logical thinking. If you enjoy learning about languages and solving logic puzzles, this competition is for you. Please see Mrs Flanagan or Mrs Barrow for further details asap.

New Zealand Lions Club Young Speech Maker Contest (ages 16 – 21)

An opportunity to participate in an exciting public speaking competition. The overall national winner will enjoy a four to six week trip to the United States/ Canada as their prize. If you're

interested in taking part, see Mrs Flanagan or Mrs Barrow for further details.

Student Health Clinic

Kia ora. A warm welcome back to school and a special welcome to the new families at Waihi College. The Student Health Clinic is open Monday through Thursday and my hours of work are from 8am to 4.30pm. Students are able to see me for all their health needs. Dr Greaves will continue to hold a clinic on Mondays 1.15pm to 3pm. Students are encouraged to request an appointment before hand but no worries if you forget – just turn up and wait to be called in. Parents are able to come along with their child if they so choose and can bring in a sick child if they are home from school. Please feel free to contact me on the school phone or on my mobile 021768095 if you have any queries or wish to make an appointment.

I have sent out letters to parents/ caregivers of Year 9 students regarding a health assessment. Could this please be signed on the back and returned to me at school. Students can leave them at the Student Centre .Thankyou.

Ruth Parsons – School Nurse

Uniform

We have moved from having stock on hand (big losses and challenges) to having all uniform through a website. The College will have only a sizing kit on hand. There will be some issues to manage in the transition through uniform (old version ok until 2018).



Upcoming Events

February

12th	New Student Powhiri
16th	NCEA Information Evening
17th-19th	Year 7 Camp
23rd	Endorsement Celebration
24th	Y9-13 Swimming Champs
26th	Y7-8 Triathlon
26th	Y9-13 Triathlon

March

1st	TV Swimming Champs
2nd	Y9-13 Athletic Champs
3rd-6th	U14 Oceans (surf lifesaving)
3rd	Y11-13 Ultra-Rip
3rd	Y7-9 Parent Interviews
7th	Class/Individual Photos

Procedure for Payment of Accounts

- **All money (cash/cheques) must be placed in a sealed envelope (recycled is fine).** On the front of the envelope **print** in full the students **name and exact amount** of money for the fee charged and what the payment is for. Enclose any **Permission Slip**.

The envelope should then be **placed in the Postal Slot** at the Student Centre.

An example of information to appear on the envelope:-

First Name _____ **Surname** _____ **(Print your name)**

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name of trip / activity: _____

Receipts are only printed on request.

