



Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

February was a tremendously busy time for Waihi College. The academic year is now in full swing with settled timetables and quality learning underway. Several key NCEA events have happened over this month; an NCEA Endorsement Celebration Night, an NCEA Information Evening and our confirmed NCEA results for 2015.

	2015 (Waihi College)	2015 (Nationally)	2015 (Decile Four)
Level One	84.8	85.0	82.3
Level Two	85.2	88.3	85.6
Level Three	75.5	82.9	79.3
Uni Entrance	51.0	63.4	55.0

It is with a sad heart that Waihi College farewells Mrs Karen Warren this term. Karen has been a valuable member of the school's Science Department (Head of Junior Science) for over 24 years. Karen has also worked in recent years in the role of Specialist Classroom Teacher. The school community has benefitted greatly from her passion and dedication to the College and the teaching of Science.

The school would like to welcome two new staff members; Casey Davies who has taken on the fixed term role in the Science Department and Ciann Brown who has joined our office staff in a part time capacity.

Several key sporting events made for calendar highlights for Term One. We had records set at both our Swimming and Athletics days and our annual school Triathlon showcased some excellent endurance athletes.

Fiji Relief for Cyclone Winston. Next week on Friday the 11th there will be a mufti day to raise funds for this disaster. Bazz and Ali Howie are arranging shipment of the following items; food, clothing, bedding, shelter, School books, water containers, garden tools, tools and hardware etc. These can be dropped off to the school (shipping to be done by 15th March).

School Interviews – these are for homeroom teachers and learning advisors for Year 7, 8, and 9. Online bookings can be done on website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the event code of 'pe2m6'. These interviews will be held on Thursday the 10th of March from 4pm until 7pm.

Justin Harper

OceanaGold Scholarships



From the left: Bernie O'Leary, Nicole Taylor, Amy Fry, Adrienne Erasmus, Alistair Cochrane, Kate Dunstall and Justin Harper.

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

Waihi College – “If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way, their children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.”
— Carol S. Dweck

COLLEGE NEWS

Deans 2016

We are writing to let you know who the Deans are for each year group, what to contact them about, when it may be necessary to contact them and how to contact them.

Deans of Year 7 & 8 are Ross Cooper and Reuben Wells.

Email: rossc@waihicol.school.nz or reubenw@waihicol.school.nz

Dean of Year 9 - Dot Carter. Email dotc@waihicol.school.nz

Dean of Year 10 - Carolyn Graveson. Email carolyng@waihicol.school.nz

Dean of Year 11 - Levonne Dodunski. Email levonned@waihicol.school.nz

Dean of Year 12 - Luke Devery. Email luked@waihicol.school.nz

Dean of Year 13 - Brian Hennessy. Email brianhe@waihicol.school.nz

Deputy Principal of pastoral issues is Heather Tucker. Email: heathert@waihicol.school.nz

You can contact them through the school office at 07 863 8349 and they will get the Deans to ring you.

In general Deans are contacted if you have concerns that your child's subject teachers or Pouako may not be able to solve. If you are worried about pastoral or non-academic issues, such as social problems, health problems, changes in home circumstances; anything that could affect your child from learning confidently in school.

The Deans may contact you if there is some concern about their behaviour, attendance or uniform that the Pouako in the Learning Advisory Class or classroom teacher has been unable to resolve.

We are here to support your child in their learning journey in Waihi College. Any assistance we can give you or that you can give us to support your child is valuable.

Careers Notice Board

First round visits from Tertiary Institutions will begin in March. Initial presentations will cover qualification needed, tertiary jargon, options and subjects, scholarships, accommodation and general tertiary living and learning. For students seriously considering this option it is

essential they attend at last one presentation.

NZ Defence Forces: Waihi College are allowed two nominations for the Defence Careers Experience. This is a three day experience based at Whangaparaoa April 4th-7th for those seriously considering pursuing a career with NZDF. It is a valuable opportunity and covers roles, expectations and lifestyles of those in NZDF.

Tertiary Planning Visits:

4th March—9.30am Otago Uni, 12.00pm AUT

8th March—2.10pm Auckland Uni

10th March—1.20pm WINTECH

16th March—11.00 Lincoln Uni

22nd March—9.30 Waikato Uni

7th April—WINTECH Huge Day Out

14th April—Thames Hospital (prospective nurses).

Roger Hunt

Class and Individual Photos

Class and Individual photos are to be done on Monday 7th March, please make sure your student has on their correct and clean uniform.

Note: Family/Sibling photos are able to be done after lunch. If you would like a family sitting please phone the school office so we can book you in.

Cost of \$30 needs to be paid BEFORE we do the shoot. If it is too short a notice we are having a catch up day on 31st March for those who missed getting their individual photos done.

We could do some family/sibling photos then too. You do need to BOOK and PAY before.

Sue Gread



TALENT QUEST 2016

AUDITIONS

11-13	9TH	MARCH
9-10	10TH	MARCH
7-8	15TH	MARCH

FINALS

6TH APRIL

COLLEGE SPORT

Waihi College Swimming Champions 2016

Junior Girls Champion

Gemma Walker - Royal

Runner-up

Kaia Waite - Empire

Junior Boys Champion

Dylan Bellamy - Royal

Runner-up

Ollie Drake - Amaranth

Intermediate Girls Champion

Aoife Hennessy - Empire

Runner-up

Sidney Morgan - Amaranth

Intermediate Boys Champion

Reece Kennedy - Empire

Runner-up

Kristian Dillon - Dominion

Senior Girls Champion

Yvette Kingsford - Royal

Equal Runner-up

Summer Tohaia & Petra McCowatt

- Empire

Senior Boys Champion

Caleb Coulter - Amaranth

Runner-up

Simon Wild - Royal



Swimming Sports House Points

1st Empire 462

2nd Royal 416

3rd Amaranth 316

4th Dominion 213

Triathlon

What a fantastic couple of days with lots of records broken!

Congratulations to all of those that competed.

Triathlon Champions 2016

Year 7 Girls Champion

Aria Waite

Runner-up

Madison Evetts-Jones

Year 7 Boys Champion

Aidon McKain



Runner-up

Jacob McKain

Year 8 Girls Champion

Mia Morgan

Runner-up

Brylee Pullen

Year 8 Boys Champion

Ben Hennessy



Runner-up

Ashton Owen-West

Junior Girls Champion

Gemma Walker

Runner-up

Tasmin Skinner

Junior Boys Champion

Dylan Bellamy

Runner-up

Ollie Drake

Intermediate Girls Champion

Emily Croker

Runner-up

Millie Dunstall

Intermediate Boys Champion

Reece Kennedy



Runner-up

Aodhan Balemi

Senior Girls Champion

Yvette Kingsford



Senior Boys Champion

Simon Wild



Special mention to the outstanding efforts of Ben Hennessy and Ashton Owen-West who competed socially in the junior event after competing in their own triathlon the day before!

Triathlon House Points

1st Royal 274

2nd Amaranth 209

3rd Empire 178

4th Dominion 117

Rachael Roycroft

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Top Tips for Online Safety

Take extra steps to keep kids safer online.

Make online safety a family effort, a mix of guidance and monitoring. Negotiate clear guidelines for web and online game use that fit your kid's maturity and family's values. Pay attention to what kids do and who they meet online.

Find out more about Family Safety settings:

Windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/family-safety



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 for further information about hosting and host family payments. We would love to hear from you.



Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Thursday 17th March—9.30am—1.45pm.

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.

Upcoming Events

March

3rd-6th	U14 Oceans
2nd-4th	Year 7 Camp
4th	AUT Visit
4th	Otago Uni Visit
7th	Class/Individual Photos
8th-9th	Year 8 Kiwi Day
8th	Auckland Uni Visit
9th	TV Athletics Champs
10th	Y9/10 Ultra-Rip
10th	Immunisation Education
10th	WINTERC Visit
10th	Y7-9 Parent Interviews
11th	Outdoor Ed—Tramping
12th	Waikato SS Touch
15th	Interim Reports Issued
15th	TV Triathlon Champs
15th	Waikato Tennis Champs
16th-18th	Goat Island Trip
15th	Sports Academy/Uni Trip
16th	Lincoln Uni Visit
17th	Y7/8 Swimming Champs
19th	Waikato/BOP Athletics
22nd	Y9-13 Tennis Champs
22nd	Waikato Uni Visit
23rd	TV Show Jumping Champs
23rd	Waikato Individ Triathlon Champs
24th	Y7/8 Ripa
25th	Good Friday
27th-1st	South Island Geo Trip
28th	Easter Monday
29th	Easter Tuesday
30th	Beach Hop
31st	TV Touch Champs
31st	Photolife Catch-up Day
April	
5th	TV Tennis Champs



Holiday Fun at Rainbows End—Night Rides with the Edge

When: Saturday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March

Time: 5-11pm

All rides open, live music, fun for all the family.

Buy online and save.



Kaleidoscope Dance Studio Katikati

Offering dance classes for ages 5 and upwards in the following styles:

Ballroom, Latin, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop

For all enquiries please email us at kdkatikati@gmail.com Or call 0278 403 603.

Free Parenting Programme The Incredible Years:

(for parents of 3-8 year olds) 14 weekly sessions held in Paeroa starting Thursday 24th March 10.00am-12.30pm. Morning tea provided. To register or for further information please contact either: CAPS Hauraki on 07 868 8644 or Email reception@capshauraki.co.nz or MOE on 07 867 9520 or email ann.luxton@education.govt.nz