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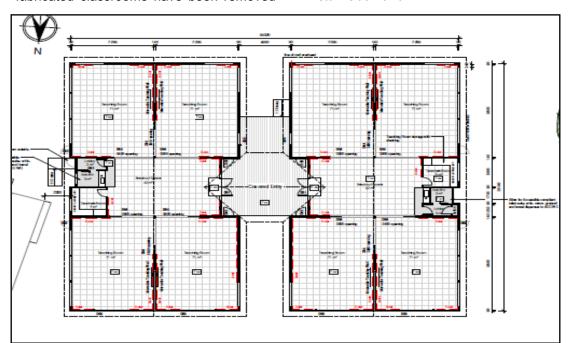
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Kia ora tatau I am delighted with the way Waihi College is tracking this term. Students and staff are engaged in their learning

and the majority of our students are working hard and getting the results they deserve.

I am also excited that 5 of the Prefabricated classrooms have been removed from the Waihi College site in preparation for the construction of the new classrooms. We are currently reviewing tenders and the construction is due to start towards the end of the month. (Touch wood!!!)

I also send a special welcome to any new families who have arrived in the district. Welcome to Waihi College. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any concerns. *Alistair Cochrane*.





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

COLLEGE NEWS AND SPORT

Tarp City

It was a sunny day, a little crowd had formed at the edge of the pitch, from afar it would seem like a little party with people chanting, but in reality, it's really not chanting but ranting, there are refugees moaning and groaning trying really hard to get out of the little prison the Officials had made, some even pushing the limit and getting sent to jail! Even the families that are already out are still hungry and miserable. People are pushing, stealing, and thieving each other's shelters and food.



That is the story of what happened at the day of Tarp City at Waihi College, it was a real life like experience... even though all the students didn't realise that they were doing exactly what real refugees were doing; complaining, giving up on life (which to the students was giving up on Tarp City) even stealing bread and water from each other!

Personally, I think it was a good idea to have Tarp City, most students hated it, in fact, I think everyone hated it... including most teachers too, but it's all for a good cause, you can only know if you've experienced it before and Tarp City brought that to us but in a less severe condition.

Winnie Choi 9HG

Careers Notice Board

The two big events this term:

Waikato University Open Day – which proved very beneficial for students thinking of a university education and acquainting them to lectures and university life as well as entry criteria, fees, accommodation and scholarships. A successful day.

Bay of Plenty Polytech – now named Waiariki Bay of Plenty

Polytech. Open Day 17th June. This should be essential for any students considering a Polytech course.

Scholarships – There is a plethora of scholarships available. Not only does Waihi College have some but we also pay a licence fee for students to access the Fund View GivME website. This can only be done at school. All apprenticeships also have scholarships available. Students need to check dates eg. Main University of Auckland Scholarships opened on 16th May (close on 16th August).

Education Careers Expo Windermere Campus Tauranga 10th June 12.45-3pm.

Parents/Caregivers are welcome to contact the College at anytime regarding career concerns. *Roger Hunt*

Waihi College Academic Interviews

Term 2 reports will be emailed home on the 17th of June (or mailed for those without email addresses) giving feedback on your student's progress this year.

Academic Interviews will take place for Year 7-13 on the 24th June from 9am until 7pm. 20 minute interviews will take place with Learning Advisors throughout the day to discuss your son/daughters progress in school this year. Please ensure that you have read the report before the interview.

Waihi College encourages you to attend the interview with your son/daughter to ensure that all parties contribute to the interview. This is an important way for you to have an interactive three way conversation about your son/daughter's progress and so we would love to have a 100% attendance rate. In a small change to interviews in the past, this year the interviews will be recorded and saved in the student profile for future planning.

Interviews can be booked online, a link and information will be given out in Learning Advisory this week. If you would like to contact the subject teachers directly, their email address will appear on the report. Waihi College encourages you to contact subject teachers as a good way of keeping up to date with your

student's progress. An easy way to remember teacher's emails is to use their first name followed by the initial of their surname followed by @waihicol.school.nz. For example, to contact Jo Howell regarding Mathematics, you can email joh@waihicol.school.nz

School Ball

Year 12 and 13 students who want to invite partners outside of Waihi College must apply to Mr Cochrane. The form is available at the front office.



COLLEGE SPORT

Thames Valley Rippa Rugby – 4th May

Congratulations to all those who took part in our Rippa Rugby teams. We took four teams to Whangamata and two made the semis. It was very closely fought, with the Year 8s narrowly beating the Year 7s.

Thank you to all of our parent support who have been helping with the coaching and the cheering. Mr Smith who came to coach and Mr Webb for coaching and the huge



task of organising the four teams. Congratulations also to our super referees who did an outstanding job. Wiki, Kyjuan, Awatea, Quinton and Falcon. You rock!

Cross Country Champions 2016 – 17th May





Year 7 Girls Champion Via Taulafo Runner-up Nina Robins

Year 7 Boys Champion

Kalarn Parata

Runner-up

Aidon McKain

Year 8 Girls Champion

Mia Morgan

Runner-up

Charlotte Hutchins

Year 8 Boys Champion

Ben Hennessy

Runner-up

Joel Martin

Junior Girls Champion

Paizley Gray

Runner-up

Tasmin Skinner

Junior Boys Champion

Thomas Spicer

Runner-up

Dylan Bellamy

Intermediate Girls Champion

Emily Croker

Runner-up

Sidney Morgan

Intermediate Boys Champion

Reece Kennedy

Runner-up

Samuel Bayes

Senior Girls Champion

Yvette Kingsford

Runner-up

Korrina Lindsey

Senior Boys Champion

Michael Eng

Runner-up

Caydan Hope

It was perfect weather for the cross country this year, bit of mud but not too wet. Congratulations to all of you that took part!

Waihi College Squash Champions 2016 – 24th May



Open Girls—Petra McCowatt Runner-up—Yvette Kingsford Open Boys—Myden Tait-Cotton Runner-up—Ryan Miller

Year 7/8 Girls—Elizabeth Mercer Runner-up—Mia Morgan Year 7/8 Boys—Ashton Owen-West

Runner-up—Torban Blok

Big thank you to Ms Carter who did an amazing job with the draw, Mr Philson for his help and to Jim Malone for his support through-out the day.

Thames Valley Rippa Rugby Finals – 25th May

We have been crowned Thames Valley Rippa Rugby Champions after an outstanding day on Friday. Congratulations to all of our players who improved with every game, showed great communication and team spirit.



Thank you to Mr Smith for your awesome coaching. Good luck at the Waikato Tournament guys!

Thames Valley Cross Country – 25th May

Good results at the Thames Valley Cross Country:

Junior Girls - 5th Tasmin Skinner, 24th Jamie Mudford

Junior Boys - 9th Dylan Bellamy, 18th Ethan Sharpe, 23rd Trav Anderson

Intermediate Boys - 4th Sam Bayes, 8th Reece Keenedy, 15th Aodhan Balemi, 17th Alfie Derham Senior Boys - 7th Caydan Hope, 11th Simon Wild, 18th Te Huia Apaapa.



COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS



College international department have some short term visiting groups scheduled for Term 3, 2016. Groups stays vary from one week through to eight weeks.

We encourage you to contact us if you are interested in learning more about becoming a host family for one of our international students. In addition, we are always keen to from people who interested in long term hosting.

To have a chat and find out more about short and/or long term stays, please contact Lisa North: 027 351 2436 or 863 8349.

Host family payments apply.

Old Towels Needed for the **Art Department**

Mrs Bigge would welcome any donations of old towels, however scruffy or stained, for use in the Art Department. All donations gratefully appreciated

The Power of Words Short Story Competition

Competition open to students aged 11 years to 17 years.

Length: between 750 and 1500 words.

Story categories (can be non-fiction fiction): funny/entertaining; animal/pet; travel; inspirational; others.

Deadline: Wednesday 20th September 2016

Who to see for further information: Mrs Barrow (Room B9) or Mrs Flanagan (Room B8)

Matariki Dawn Viewing

Nga mihi nui to Nga and Kararaina along with Otawhiwhi Kohanga and Marae for organising our dawn viewing.

Put it in your diaries and get up early for this event, as it's always a huge highlight of Matariki Waihi!

> Dawn Viewing - Sunday 3rd July at 6am at Bowentown Heads

> Dawn Viewing of Matariki, followed by kai and cup of tea at Otawhiwhi Marae.

Matariki Celebrations

The combined Waihi Schools are continuing to support a variety of community events focusing on the theme 'Matariki'. Keep an eye out for:

- 24th June Hikoi to the Waihi town
- 29th Cultural June **Performance Concert** at the Waihi Memorial Hall, 5.00pm -7.00pm
- 3rd July The **DAWN** VIEWING at Anzac Bay at 6am 7th July - Tapuwae Tournament

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Wednesday 22nd June—9.30am—1.30pm. Closed for lunch - 12.00-12.30pm

For these services:

- Glue ear assessment and management
- Treatment discharging ears
- Grommet checks
- Wax/foreign body removal children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Upcoming Events

June

Waik/BOP Cross Country 3r8th 9th **Talent Quest Finals** 201 Physics Trip 10th 10th-12th 40 Hour Famine 13th-16th Year 10 Camp

Biology Y13 Waikato 14th **Experience Day**

14th **Boulton Cup**

15th-16th Waikato Individual Squash

Champs

15th Waik Uni Chemistry Comp

Y8 HPV 2nd dose 15th

17th **BOP Polytech Open Day**

17th Fieldays Trip

Reports Sent Home 17th 18th-19th Y10 Japanese Trip 19th-20th L3 Mountain Biking

22nd BOP Y7/8 Zone X Country

22nd-23rd Y7/8 Art Expo

Y7/8 Football Tournament 23rd

24th Matariki Hikoi

24th Academic Interviews **BOP Interschool X Country** 28th 28th Thames Hospital Visit

29th Matariki Celebration Evening

29th Waikato Y7/8 Rippa

Championships

Te Reo Maori Trip 30th-1st

40 HOUR FAMINE 2016 - ONE WEEKEND, ONE BACKPACK

For the first time ever, the focus will not be on feeding hungry communities, but on supporting children and families affected by conflict in Syria. Money raised this year will fund CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES in the Refugee Camps in Jordan. These are supportive learning places where kids have access to arts, sports, education and counselling. 'One Weekend One Backpack' challenges our students to live out of a backpack for the entire weekend, using only the few things they can fit inside, to show solidarity to the millions of children who have had to flee their homes with only what they can carry in a bag. Early in Term Two we will be sending home consent forms for students who wish to participate with this important fundraising event. See Mrs Twidle or Sharandeep Singh for more information.







