



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatou

Term Three is now in full swing and it is great to see everyone working hard, preparing for their upcoming examinations. Remember academic success comes to

those students who are organized and motivated to work hard to achieve their goals.

We are endeavouring to keep out of class activities to a minimum for both students and staff to ensure that students can concentrate on preparing themselves to the best of their ability. I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity.

In an attempt to ensure that all our students are given the best opportunity to achieve an NCEA qualification we have adopted the following approach:

Practice Exams (Sept 9-14): Regular classes will operate whilst the practice exams are on. Only students actually involved in the scheduled exam will be out of class.

(No exam leave for practice exams)

NCEA External Exams: Exam leave will be decided on a case by case basis when JHa/LRu/JHo are confident that a student will gain 80 credits towards their relevant "level" qualification. All other students will be required to be at school and in class continuing to study.

I also extend a **special welcome** to all the

international students who are currently in our school. (Taiwan 10, Korea 5, China 3, Japan 18, Europe 31) I am sure you are having a wonderful time and settling into our Waihi way. Enjoy the opportunities that are available in our school.

It is great to see that the building programme has started for the **8 new classrooms**.



The **School Ball** at the end of the holiday break was also an outstanding success. The Hall looked elegant as did our young adults who went out of their way to dress and behave in an outstanding way. I congratulate the Ball Committee for their courage in doing it differently and having the resilience to turn it into something special.

Winter sport is coming to the business end of the season and I wish everyone all the best as you strive to achieve championship victory. May the skill and team work that you have learnt throughout the season have you prepared and ready for the final challenge. Whether you win or lose do it with dignity and grace. Honor and respect your opponents for the skill and enthusiasm they brought to the challenge.

Alistair Cochrane

Year 13 Fiji Geography Trip



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COLLEGE NEWS

Year 13 Fiji Geography Trip

Bula! And welcome to the experience of a life time, a trip to Fiji, enjoying the sun, sand, and the red bodies of all those who foolishly forgot to put on sunscreen. The trip began with a delayed trip ending that day with us on a boat in the dark about to arrive on our first island, Bounty Island. Bounty Island was full of many activities free at our disposal including snorkelling, kayaking, paddle boarding and so much more. The full day was not commandeered by sun in the fun but also with the stress of handing out surveys (the main reason we were in Fiji in the first place) to the many people who worked on the island.

The next day we headed off to the next island but not before having to go back to Bounty Island to retrieve Kush's wallet, we set off on the ferry travelling to our next destination, the safe landing resort on Nacula Island. The resort was full of bread and pikelets, breakfast, lunch and dinner, lots of variety for our second stop. Our first day here was spent going on Joe's water taxi to a sea cave on what looked like Jurassic Park island with Isaac saying "welcome to Jurassic park".

The next day we headed off to the village in the morning with our old toys and lots of stationery, our first stop was the kindergarten, we gave them our toys and headed off on a tour of the village, then headed back to the resort ready for the ferry to head down to the last island of our trip Waya Lai Lai Ecohaven Resort, the best for last.

Our first night there comprised of dinner then dancing with everyone learning the bula dance, then the singing of the NZ and the Fijian national anthems, ending with Simon dancing with a Fijian local. Slowly more people came to enjoy themselves before we all headed to our rooms to be ready for the next day where we swam with sharks. We left after breakfast out into the ocean where we would snorkel with reef sharks with some of us swimming down to touch them. The day ended with us hiking to the summit to watch the sunset.

Nearing the end of the week we

headed back to the main land to spend one more night in Fiji before heading back to the cold confines of NZ.

Simon Wild

Photos of the School Ball



Year 10 Science Trip



Last Thursday I travelled to the Ruakura Campus in Hamilton with ten Year 10 students. We, along with eight other schools were greeted with a variety of stories about how science provides a platform for a variety of different jobs. The students were then split into four groups, who stayed together for the remainder of the day. Through the day each group visited four different expos that showcased how science is related to everyday activities and a variety of different jobs.

These ranged from:

The use of balance in sport, such as basketball and BMX riding;



Finding out how the Waikato District Council use knowledge of fish to alter city waterways and culverts to increase the population of fish;

Learning how nurses from the hospital or WINTEC nursing students use science to treat and research heart problems and heal wounds;

The need of pest control, bacteria testing, and carrying out product research of customer preference in the food industry.

Every student engaged in one or more of the activities and they are currently working on a short video to showcase what they experienced at Science Spinners 2016. A fantastic experience that I hope continues for next year.

Casey Davies

COLLEGE SPORT AND NEWS

Thames Valley Primary School Tackle Rugby Day



Thames Valley Year 7/8 Rugby Tackle Day Champions 2016! Great day, congratulations boys! Thanks to the coach and all the parent supporters. Go Waihi!

Badminton Champions

Congratulations to our 2016 badminton champions:

Year 7/8 Girls

Elizabeth Mercer

Runner-up

Alexia Haimona

Year 7/8 Boys

Liam Taylor

Runner-up

Ashton Owen-West

Junior Girls—Results to be advised

Junior Boys—Results to be advised

Senior Girls

Brooke Mercer

Runner-up

Kelli Purcell

Senior Boys

Chou Fu Li

Runner-up

Caydan Hope

BOP Year 7/8 Badminton Championships

Congratulations to all of our Year 7/8s that competed at the BOP Champs on the 29th July.



Outstanding results:

Gold medal in Division 2 for our Year 8 Girls - **Elizabeth Mercer**,

Alexia Haimona, Nikita Torrens, Tamara Thompson and Ashlee Woodhouse.



Gold medal in Division 2 Year 8 Boys - **Liam Taylor, Ashton Owen-West, Daniel Su and Lucas Marshall.**



Waihi Blitz Basketball Tournament – 31st July

Congratulations boys on taking out the Waihi Blitz Tournament. Also to our other three teams who played some awesome basketball!



The Waihi teams played against the U11 and U12 Rep teams from Tauranga and also a Rep team from Coast Basketball.

Rachael Hall



Photos from Spirit Days



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

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Auditions

The Young Auckland Shakespeare Company are holding auditions for parts in Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida. They are looking for young actors aged 14-25.

You will need to complete an application form, prepare a 2 minute monologue (from any Shakespeare play) and attend one of three auditions on 5th, 8th or 10th of November. Deadline for applications in Friday 28th October 2016. If you're interested in further information, please see Mrs Barrow or Mrs Flanagan.

New Student Centre Phone \Text Number

The school absence text phone number has changed, **it is now 027 201 5673**. This is an easy and convenient way to notify the school when your child is absent.

Careers Notice Board

Congratulations to Brodie Betterton and Jeremiah Tamihere in their selection for the Defence Careers Experience (4 days at Whenuapai and Devonport).

Upcoming Events

August

5th	BOP B/B Champs-Jnrs
5th	TV Badminton-Seniors
8th-12th	Maths Week
10th	TV Football Champs-Boys
11th	Careers Roadshow
12th	BOP B/B Champs Senior
12th	Careers Expo Tauranga
12th	TV Badminton Juniors
14th-17th	Y11 Ski Trip
15th-18th	Jaiding Exchange
16th	Team Photos
17th	TV Football Champs-Girls
17th	Y7/8 Waimata Netball Tournament
21st	TV Badminton—Ngatea
21st-23rd	Y13 PE Trip
23rd	HPV Inoculations—2nd
24th	L2 Geo Trip to Auckland
24th	Waikato Uni Course Planning
26th	Victoria Uni Open Day
26th	Tough Guy & Girl Challenge
26th	Wintech Health Taster
27th-2nd	Winter Tournament Week
29th	Prim/Interm Gym Festival
30th	Vision Testing

Waikato University is offering plenty of \$5,000.00 scholarships to support rural students (Te Ara Ki Angitu) Applications close 31st August! The big event this term is the Waihi College Coromandel Roadshow Careers Expo, 11th August 9.30am—12.00. Senior students will be timetabled to attend. Parents are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

August

1st Applications for accommodations open.

3rd Massey University Open Day (Manawatu).

12th Year 10 ASB Arena Tauranga Careers and Business Expo.

12th Otago University Course Planning 9.00am.

20th Massey University Open Day Auckland.

23rd Main Auckland University Scholarships close.

24th Waikato University Course Planning.

25th WINTEC Taster (Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Counselling, Mental Health and Addiction Support).

26th Study at Victoria Open Day.

26th Massey University Open Day (Wellington).

27th Auckland University Courses and Careers Day (free bus).

27th AUT Open Day.

30th Massey University Course Planning 1.30pm.

September

8th AUT Course Planning 11.00am.

Music Classes Available

Some spaces have recently opened up in our clarinet and flute classes. We have instruments that learners can borrow to start. Lessons are free. This is an incredible opportunity which can lead on to a lifetime of pleasure and participation. If you are interested please give me a ring on 07 863 6480 in the evenings or at school (07 863 8653) during the day.

If preferred my email is bobbp@waihicol.school.nz.

Thanks to those who helped with the School Ball

Thanks need to go to our Waihi College supporters for their kindness, help and generosity: **AFFORDABLE FUNCTIONS, BEACH ROAD GARDEN CENTRE, CURTIS GROWERS, WAIHI MEMORIAL RSA, ILLUMINATE FURNITURE/PHIL AND PAULINE DAVISON, Levonne Dodunski, Tracy and Glenn Te Wake, Raymond Crawford, Belle Packer and Jamie Bird.**

Jenny Twidle

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Friday 12th August—9.30am—1.30pm.

Closed for lunch – 12.00-12.30pm

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.

For enquiries regarding this service phone 07 838 3565.



A PARENTS' GUIDE TO TEENS, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

"WHEN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ARE MY WAY OUT"

SORTED

FREE SEMINAR
THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST 7-9PM

Katikati Resource Centre welcome speaker Caleb Patt, Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs Coordinator with SORTED

Bookings essential: Phone 5490399
Katikati Community Resource Centre