



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The 2015 school year is in full swing and it is great to see everyone again after the summer break.

I am very pleased with the way the school has settled into the New Year and we are all set for a fantastic year both in and out of the classroom. Get involved, work hard, have fun and you will reap the rewards.

Welcome to all new students and their families and also to new staff Jacqui Barrow (Co Head of English) and Shauna Wiltshire (Student Centre Manager).

We are planning a formal welcome (Powhiri) for all new staff and students on the 19th February. As we finalise the details I will get them out to you.

The school roll is up this year on what we have been expecting and this always results in a few large classes etc. However we will sort these issues out over the next few weeks as the actual roll is confirmed.

I was very pleased with the **2014 Examination results**. Approximately 71% of Year 11, 81% of Year 12 and 75% of Year 13 students who were enrolled in a full NCEA programme gained their respective

NCEA level qualifications. These results are very strong and apart from last years Year 11 cohort, at or above the national averages. I congratulate all students for their achievements.

Special congratulations to **Josephine Mueggenburg, Dayna East, Rebecca Osborne, Andrew Balchin, Connor Selby and Loren Goodhue** who are the recipients of the Waihi Gold Company \$2000.00 scholarships. I would also like to acknowledge those students who generated Merit and Excellence endorsement awards on their respective NCEA qualifications.

The first term of any school year is filled with many opportunities for the students and the upcoming **Swimming (17th February)** and **Athletics Sports (25th February)** days are always a highlight. I encourage parents and caregivers to attend these sports days and support the students. They are fun days and always result in some outstanding performances, I look forward to seeing you there.

Alistair Cochrane

Jacqui Barrow



Shauna Wiltshire



Year 13 Camp



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

Waihi College – Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi.

With red and black the work will be complete. This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 13 Camp



Year 13 camp was an awesome experience! We learnt many valuable leadership and team based skills that we can apply throughout our school year. Some fun aspects of our time away were our swims in the water hole and the skits on the final night, they were hilarious! Whilst we were away the teachers accompanying us were on the lookout for our 2015 House Leaders and I would like to say congratulations to the 8 that were given the roles! To all the current Year 12 students, I highly recommend going to Year 13 camp! You'll be surprised how confident you have become in all the years you have spent in Waihi College, and you'll get to express your opinion to adults that genuinely value and appreciate it! You also become closer as a year group and I personally am very excited to be spending my final year with such an amazing group of people! Thank you Mr. Wells, Mr. Oudes, Mr. Hunt, and Ruth Parsons for visiting us and sharing your knowledge. Finally I would like to say a HUGE



thank you to Mr Hennessy, Mr Tait, Mr Smith, Mr McNeil and Mrs Hill, because of you this camp was such a success!

Amy Fry

House Leaders

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students on their selection as House Leaders for 2015. We are sure they will have a fantastic year!

Empire – Mack Smith and Katrina

Pipe

Royal – Malcolm Mohi and Emily Manktelow

Amaranth – Siobhan Hare and Nicole Taylor

Dominion – Andrew Keenan and Danielle Fox.

Where are they now? – by Amy Fry, Academic Leader.

I thought it would be interesting for our current students to hear from recent “graduates” to find out where their studies may lead. We start the year with last year's academic leader, Josie Mueggenburg.

How was your last year Josie?

In whole, Year 13 was a challenging yet incredibly satisfying year for me. I put a lot of time and effort into my studies, and although I may have missed out on a few social occasions, I will never regret my decision to focus on my schoolwork. The subjects I took included Chemistry, English, Geography, Biology and Statistics. I ended up with an excellence endorsement in Chemistry, Geography and Statistics, and a merit endorsement in English and Biology. Overall I gained 76 excellence credits, 13 merit credits and 4 achieved credits. I also had an extra 20 achieved credits carried over from Year 12.

Wow, what a fantastic year!

What's next for you?

This year I am studying a Bachelor of Science at Otago University in Dunedin. I am still unsure on what I want to do when I graduate, however I am considering a major in psychology with a minor in neuroscience or chemistry.

Do you have any advice for current students?

A few things come to mind:

1. Learn the importance of goal setting.
2. It is very important that you set goals which challenge your abilities.
3. Work ethic is everything.
4. Organisation is a great way to clear your head.

Thanks Josie!

I hope that you all accomplish all that you are capable of and more.

Best of luck for the future! Josie.

Gateway

Gateway is a programme where senior students work for local employers in industries and

occupations they wish to learn more about, with the possibility of pursuing the job for future employment. The Gateway programme strengthens pathways for students to further education, training and employment. Students and employers sign a contract, and the student commits to working for 8 hours (1 day a week for 10 weeks). They also may have access to Unit Standards relevant to the job. This programme has taken over from traditional work experience options for seniors. Any students interested in undertaking the programme should see Mr Willoughby, the Gateway Coordinator, although students are encouraged to settle back into school before undertaking a placement. Gateway has occasionally led to apprenticeship opportunities, and full time employment, and is definitely a good option for seniors thinking about their future plans and goals.

Brent Willoughby

Careers Noticeboard

Upcoming Events

Tertiary Liaison Visits

March 2nd—Auckland Uni-11.00am

March 4th—Otago Uni-9.00am

~~March 11th—Waikato Uni-9.10am~~

April 24th—Canterbury Uni-9.00am

The Defence Forces will be visiting in term one as well as BOP Polytech and Wintech. (Dates to be confirmed)

Heath

March 20th—Y12/13 visit to AUT to explore health related occupations.

April 24th—Y12/13 Thames Hospital (nursing and mid-wifery).

Roger Hunt

News from the Nurse

The School Nurse and Doctor are available again this year. Same hours as before. Nurse Ruth Parsons Monday – Thursday 8.00am – 4.30pm and Dr Suzanne Greaves Monday 1.00 – 3.00pm. You can contact Ruth directly on 021 768 095 or on the College landline.

COLLEGE SPORT AND NEWS

Winter Sports

Time to start thinking about what winter sports you will play this year.... Hockey, Rugby, Football, Netball, Basketball, Squash.

Trials will be held for teams starting in a few weeks. Keep an eye out on the sports noticeboards, daily notices and Facebook page for information.

Netball Dresses

This year all netball players will be asked to buy their own netball dress at the cost of \$45. This will last them a few years, it will NOT change every year.

There will be some second hand dresses available from the previous seasons. The reason for this change is the cost for the upkeep and the lack of return of these uniforms has become too high. The netball uniform hire will come off the cost of the season so the only other amount to pay will be for the Association costs and umpires.

Coaches and Managers

Please contact me if you would like to coach or manage a winter sports team this year. We are happy to help with any upskilling or coaching resources.

Rachael Hall – 027 870 0937 or rachaelr@waihicol.school.nz

Rippa Rugby Year 7 and 8

This year's Thames Valley Rippa Rugby Tournament will start with a qualifying tournament in Waihi on Wednesday 29th April. We will look at getting our teams together for this (last year we took 5 teams) in a few weeks. TV finals will be on Wednesday 13th May in Paeroa and the top 2 placed teams will represent the TV at the Waikato event.

Coaches will be needed for these teams and the number of teams we enter will rely on Parents stepping forward to help.

Please contact me if you are able to assist.

House Events Term 1

This year with new House Leaders and the student leaders already chosen we are ready to hit the ground running and revive the House Spirit.

House points will be given not only for Sport and Cultural events but

encompass Service and Academic achievements. So are you a Life Guard or a St John Cadet? Are you going to do the 40 hour famine this year? Any NCEA results that are a with Merit or Excellence will also attract points for your house. Keep an eye out for a full list of these points in the near future! GET BEHIND YOUR HOUSE IN 2015!!!

School Events

Year 9-13 Swimming Championships – **17th Feb**

Year 9-13 Athletics Championships – **25th Feb**

Year 9-13 Tennis Championships – **2nd March**

Year 7/8 Tennis Championships – **3rd March**

Year 9-13 Triathlon Championships – **13th March**

Year 7/8 Swimming Championships – **19th March**

Regional Events

Year 9-13 TV Swimming – **24th Feb – Thames**

Year 9-13 TV Athletics – **4th March – Paeroa**

Year 9-13 TV Tennis – **10th March – Paeroa**

Year 9-13 Waik/BOP Athletics – **14th March – Tauranga**

Year 9-13 TV Triathlon – **18th March – Cooks Beach**

Year 7/8 BOP Swimming – **26th March – Greerton**

Year 9-13 NISS Athletics – **28th March**

Year 9-13 TV Touch Rugby – **30th March – Ngatea**

Year 9-13 WSS Swimming – **1st April – Hamilton**

Kiwisport Leadership Award Year 9-13

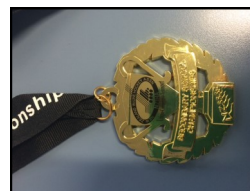
This year we will continue the Kiwisport Leadership awards. This involves two 2 hours sessions and then 45 hours of volunteer work in sport. Whether it's coaching, umpiring or helping at events. If you are interested in finding out about this award see Rachael.

Inline Hockey

Congratulations to the Inline Hockey team that competed in the NZ Secondary Schools Championships at the end of last year as part of a Waihi/Katikati combined team. They brought

home a GOLD in their section! Awesome work!

Also big congratulations to Katie Lovell and Jamie Mudford they have been selected to represent New Zealand in Inline Hockey in



2015 for the Junior Women's team.

And to Toby Grindlay for the 12 and

under and Johnnie Andrews-Nye 17 and under teams. Outstanding effort!

Waihi Miners Inline Hockey Club muster is on Wednesday 11th February at 6pm.

Rachael Hall

Sports & Activities Coordinator

Host Families Needed

International students are an important part of Waihi College. Students from all over the world have been coming here for 10 years now and 2015 is no different. In January students arrived from Germany, Japan, Korea and



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Austria. They will be joining students who have stayed on over Christmas from Norway and Germany. Most students come for six to twelve months and we are also expecting a number of short stay students from China, Japan and Taiwan.

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.

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Deans

Year 7—Ross Cooper—email
rossc@waihicol.school.nz

Year 8—Jenna Yeandle—email
jennay@waihicol.school.nz

Year 9—Dot Carter—email
dotc@waihicol.school.nz

Year 10—Carolyn Graveson—email
carolyng@waihicol.school.nz

Year 11—Luke Devery—email
luked@waihicol.school.nz

Year 12—Regan Pretorius—email
reganp@waihicol.school.nz

Year 13—Brian Hennessy—email
brianhe@waihicol.school.nz

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



Upcoming Events

February

6th	Waitangi Day
11th-13th	Year 7 Camp
11th	NCEA Info Evening
17th	Y9-13 Swimming Sports
19th	Year 7 Powhiri
19th	Back up day-swimming
24th	TV Swimming
25th	Y9-13 Athletics Day
26th	Back up day - Athletics

March

2nd-4th	L2 Bio Goat Island Trip
2nd	Tennis Champs
3rd-6th	Year 8 Camp
4th	TV Athletics
4th	L2 PE Anzac Cove

Any student who is late for school (after 8.45) must bring a note with them explaining why they are late.

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.

Understanding NCEA

~~There will be an information evening for all parents about NCEA on Wednesday, 11th February 2015.~~ The evening is designed to give parents information about how NCEA works, how students earn credits, ways that parents and students can track progress, how students gain Literacy and Numeracy and the requirements for students wishing to gain University Entrance.

During the evening there will also be information about the parent portal which is an excellent way to track your child's progress.

The evening runs from 6pm to 7pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Spot prize of a school jacket on the night.

Year 10 Achievement Certificate

This year, all Year 10 students will be aiming to achieve a Year 10 Achievement Certificate. This is modelled in the same style as NCEA and is designed to introduce students to the language and workings of NCEA so they are best prepared for Year 11. Every

student will be completing common assessment tasks, called APPS tasks (**Achievement, Progress, Potential, Success**) throughout the year allowing careful tracking of students. Students will be graded, like NCEA, as Achieved, Merit or Excellence.

Please talk to your child about the APPS tasks for this term and how you can support their learning.

The Big Question for this term is 'How do we reduce the level of Conflict in our Society?' This topic was inspired by the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings. It may also encompass modern day conflicts and conflict closer to home like bullying, racism, poverty, religion. If you have any family stories or experiences of conflict, I am sure that your child would appreciate your contribution. If you would like more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Joanne Howell

joh@waihicol.school.nz

Reminder—FaceBook

A reminder to families that you can Like and follow the latest Sports and Arts news on our Facebook pages: Waihi College Sport and The Arts Waihi College.

Jenny Twidle

Textile Room

Andrea Hill will be opening the Textiles room Thursday nights 7-9pm starting Feb 19th. \$2 to cover tea/coffee. ~~Bring along unfinished projects, learn new skills.~~

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.

