

Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatau
Having returned from sabbatical during Term One **I am delighted to be back.**

The past couple of days have been filled with finding out how things have moved on and getting up to speed with the Waihi College treadmill.

During my sabbatical I have been investigating how schools support students to make the transition from school into either further study or work. A visit to the policy makers in Wellington and the MOE in Hamilton has informed my understanding as to the intent of the strategies, and visits to numerous NZ schools has given examples of best practice and the need to improve what we are doing to improve opportunities for our Waihi students.

Over the next few weeks I will be discussing these thoughts with the school and hope to design a structure which better supports our students to make the best choice about life beyond Waihi College.

Over the May term break Dave Sims (Principal – Thames HS) and I travelled to Taiwan to represent five local schools

(Waihi College, Paeroa College, Thames High School, Katikati College and Whangamata Area School) to investigate the possibility of getting international fee paying students to visit our country. The trip was very successful and we are confident that it will generate a flow of short stay students into our area over the next few years.

Winter sport is also now with us and I look forward to seeing you on the sideline supporting our students.

Always play to win but PLAY FAIR.

A good player is:

Always looking to improve their skills.
More interested in improving the team than the result.

A humble winner and a gracious loser.
Respectful of the referee or umpire.

A good spectator is:

Always positive, supportive and encouraging.

Respectful of the opposition and their supporters.

Recognizing of skill and talent regardless of which team displays it.

Alistair Cochrane

Year 9 Camp



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

Waihi College – Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitahi.
My strength is not the strength of one. It is the strength of many.

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 9 Camp 2016



Congratulations to our Year 9s who finished Term 1 with our Waihi College/POET camp at Bowentown Beach Holiday Park. The week began on Monday with a walk from Homunga to Waihi Beach during which time the students got to know those in their newly formed groups as well as the Year 12 Senior Leaders which accompanied them. For the rest of the week they were involved in a wide range of activities which included kayaking, raft building, fishing, surfing with Waihi Beach Surf School, dune restoration work with the Regional Council to name just a few. During their stay they were also required to cook all their meals over gas cookers (with varying degrees of success) and learn about the challenges of camping under canvas.



What did our students have to say? (All anonymous) "I learnt that I fail a lot at things but I don't give up easily". "I learned that I can contribute ideas – that's what my leader said." "I got along with people I didn't think I would." "Now I say Hi to a lot more Year 9s at

school". I learnt that I am a calm person and can help people when they get angry or stressed", Even if I'm right there are sometimes people that are more right and it's ok to go with that". "Cool" "Fun", "Awesome", "Tiring".

And the THANK YOUS to: All the teachers who committed time to attend camp and work with our Year 9 students. All the Year 12 Student Leaders who worked long hours, day and night and helped build positive relationships between year groups. POET (Perry Outdoor Education Trust) who provided assistance with programme development and considerable funding which keeps the cost to students so low and to Donald Matheson from POET who stayed the whole time and helped everywhere. Finally, thanks to the Year 9s who gave their best in all the activities and made the most of all the opportunities. It was this really which made it such a successful camp. Well done!

David Tait

South Island Geo Trip



This year's Geo trip was definitely one to remember.

Our first day really set the benchmark high, with an early morning wake-up call (5am), and a case of mistaken identity at the Airport (which was luckily resolved in time). Then upon arrival in Christchurch, we were faced with our next challenge which was finding a supermarket that was actually open on Easter Sunday (this proved to be very difficult). When we finally arrived at the Flock Hill Sheep Station Lodge (our home for the next two days) we had about twenty minutes to sort ourselves out to go River Walking in an

Underground Cave. We were led to believe that the water would be knee high, yet next thing we knew we're practically swimming in freezing cold chest-high water with only some questionable torches separating us from the pitch-black darkness. It was great fun. Back at Flock Hill even though 2 out of 3 cabins managed to lock themselves out of their rooms within an hour, we were all thoroughly enjoying ourselves.

Day two started with a four hour hike to what we *thought* would be nothing short of a five star resort, but ended up being a tiny green windowless hut (very disappointing) and ended with a quick dip in 7 degree water at the bottom of a waterfall.

Throughout the following few days we drove around quite a bit and the beautiful landscapes we got to see were truly incredible (as was our slightly off-key acapella singing along the way). The rest of our days were spent looking at different glaciers, learning new things (as you do on school trips), a pretty cool boat trip in glacier waters, and another 'hike' which consisted of us practically crawling up a ridiculous amount of steps (in fairness the view at the top was pretty amazing, but still...not fun).



Throughout this trip I think it's safe to say that we all had a lot of fun (even when we were pushed out of our comfort zones), and on behalf of this year's Geo class I'd like to say a huge (and I mean HUGE) thank you to Mr Hennessy, Rachael, and Jen for managing to put up with us for six days and making this incredible trip one that we will never forget.

Sophia Richards

COLLEGE SPORT AND NEWS

Thames Valley Tennis

Congratulations to our students on the following results at this event:

Junior Boys Singles

Runner-up - Mason Sas

Junior Boys Doubles

Runner-up - Rayden Milanesi and Thomas Spicer

Intermediate Girls Doubles

Runner-up - Wiki Rawiri and Kyjuan Gray

Intermediate Boys Singles

Champion - Ryan Miller

Intermediate Boys Doubles

Runner-up - Hayden Speir and Jordan Haimona

Senior Boys Singles

Runner-up - Myden Tait-Cotton.

Bay of Plenty Swimming Championships

Congratulations to all of our students that competed at this event. The competition is always a huge step up for a lot of swimmers and they all made us very proud.

Top 10 results were achieved by Aidon McKain, Katya Taylor, Ben Hennessy, Aria Waite, Paris Dixon, Leon Wolfenden, Madison Evetts-Jones, Riley East, Rian Butler and Zeta Schuler.

Also outstanding results for Ben Hennessy who placed 3rd in the 50m Breaststroke, and Aria Waite for her 4th in the 50m and 25m Butterfly and also to Zeta Schuler who swam as part of our Waihi Cluster for her 2nd in the 50m Butterfly and 4th in the 100m Freestyle.

Thank you to Tanya Carmine and Darren Wolfenden for their help with timekeeping and to Nicole Clare for her management before and on the day.

Rachael Hall

Squash News

Business House

Business house squash for all players and want to be players is on Thursday nights at Waihi Squash Club, Baker Street. Goes about 5 weeks. No need to form a team, we will make teams up every week. \$10 per player for the 5 weeks. Racquets available. Have a go at doubles squash if you are a more advanced player.

Junior Squash

Junior squash will start next Monday at 4pm to 5-30. \$20 social. \$45 inter-school competitions. \$60 graded competition and tournaments anywhere in NZ. Coaching also available from not only Mr Philson and Mrs Carter but opportunities for Waikato experts to work with your kids.

Thanks to all the parent helpers at Year 9 Camp. It was a resounding success because of your involvement.

Dot Carter

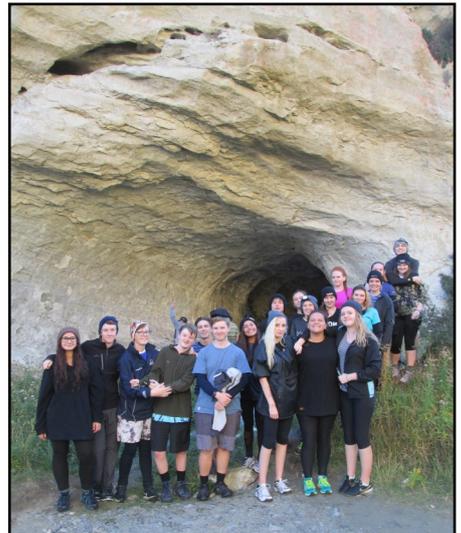
Mates and Dates

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting with the facilitators of the Mates and Dates programme. We are starting the programme next week (for Yr 9 – 13) and it will continue until the beginning of next Term. It has been a logistical challenge organising the five lessons for each class but I am totally convinced that this is a very worthwhile programme and well worth the extra time to put the timetable together. If your student misses one of their opportunities to attend please contact me and I will endeavour to give them a catch-up opportunity.

Remember if you would like further information have a look at the following website www.acc.co.nz/matesanddates

Heather Tucker

More photos of Year 12 Geo Trip to the South Island.



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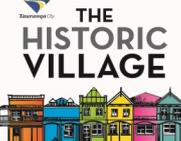
9:30am - 3pm

Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th May 2016

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COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS



Connecting Families | Sharing Cultures | Improving Learning

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.

Waihi College are excited to welcome international student groups from Taiwan and Japan in June, July and August of this year. If you are interested in short-term hosting for these students (one to two week stays) we would love to hear from you.

For further information or to register your interest please contact:
Lisa North: P: 863 8349
M: 027 351 2436
Email: lisan@waihicol.school.nz

Careers Notice Board

May

- 9th** Defence Force Presentation—10.20am
- 10th** BOP Polytech Presentation 2.10pm
- 12th** Auckland University Health Visit (Year 12-13)
- 13th** Waikato University Open Day
- 19th** Waikato Clinical School (Year 12-13) Doctors
- 24th** WINTEC Health Tester

Upcoming Events

May

- 9th Dunedin Tertiary Open Day
- 10th BOP Polytech Presentation
- 12th Auck Uni Y12/13 Health
- 13th Tarp City (Middle school)
- 17th Y7-13 Cross Country
- 18th BOP Y7/8 Amazing Race
- 19th Jnr B/B Exchange—Trident
- 19th Waikato Clinical School Visit
- 20th Snr B/B Exchange - Trident
- 24th Wintech Health Taster
- 24th Y7-13 Squash Champs
- 25th TV Cross Country Champs

Top Tips for Online Safety

What to do if there are problems:

When reporting online abuse, save the evidence whenever possible.

When using email, a social network, or other web service:

- If you encounter scams, offensive material, threatening behaviour and the like, report it. For example, in Microsoft services or software, contact them on microsoft.com/reportabuse
- If your email account is taken over by someone, change your password immediately (if possible) and report the incident to your email provider.

School Nurse Update

It is with regret Midlands Health Network have advised the Waihi College community that Ruth Parsons has resigned from her role as Waihi College school nurse.

Ruth is retiring from nursing to spend more time with her whanau.

She has been integral in the success of the Waihi College school nursing clinic and over three years has built a strong foundation for supporting students to gain positive health outcomes in the future.

Ruth's last day was 29 April and interviews will be held in week two for a replacement school nurse.

We wish her well for the future.

TAIKO TO TANGO - A special treat for Mum and all the family!

Bay of Plenty Symphonia will be presenting an exciting concert at the Community Centre, 2.30pm on Mother's Day, Sunday 8th May.

TAIKO TO TANGO will take you on a musical journey through the five nations competing in this year's Super Rugby competition. Taiko drumming is truly 'music as an extreme sport' and the Tamashii Taiko drummers will provide an amazing display of this ancient, choreographed cultural art from Japan. You may have seen them at the opening ceremony of the 2011 Rugby World Cup! Also featured will be light orchestral music from NZ, Australia, Africa and the sensuous tangos of Argentina.

Waihi College

Board of Trustee Election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 20th May 2016 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidate's names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on the 3rd June 2016.

Rose Buckingham
Returning Officer

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Friday 13th May—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 ph 07 838 3565.

Paint Pails Needed

The Music department are trying to get hold of empty 10 litre paint pails. We are looking for about 40. If you have any or even 1 lying around at home or work, we would really appreciate getting hold of them. They don't even have to be clean!! If you happen to have lots we are happy to arrange for them to be picked up.