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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Term Two is all but over and what a great term it has been. Students and staff have been involved in a wide variety of activities both in and out of the classroom and I have had many

positive comments about the way our students behave and achieve outstanding results.

Spirit Days are in full swing and students and staff alike are enjoying the activities and remembering the spirit of those that have passed. **What an awesome three days they are.** Three days filled with colour, costumes, enjoyment and fun. Special thanks to Jay McKechnie who is compering the days and the House Leaders for their endless energy and resilience in keeping the activities moving and making sure all are getting involved and having fun.

Well done to all those parents who managed to meet the teachers on **INTERVIEW** day. If there are things we could do better please feel free to email me so we can make Improvements for the future. <u>principal@waihicol.school.nz</u>

International Education is a significant part of our school these days with as many as 25 International Students being in the school and community at any given point in time. July is a common change over point due to the European school year ending and starting again. I would like to take this opportunity to farewell those students heading home. We have all got to know each other better and I thank you for adding diversity, culture and friendship to our lives.

I hope you all have a good midyear break. See you back at School on July 25th.

Please stay safe on the roads. Alistair Cochrane



Year 10 Waharau Adventure Camp

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

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 10 Waharau Adventure Camp



The 2016 Year 10 POET Camp at Waharau Adventure Camp was a huge success. As well as being extremely lucky with the weather, we had fifteen Year 13 camp leaders and twelve teachers who worked with the 85 Year 10s throughout a huge week. Activities included: mountain bikina. kayaking, low ropes, high ropes, a long tramp followed by an overnight bush-craft tent stav. and environmental studies. As well as developing skills and confidence, one of our key objectives was to positive relationships develop between students, seniors and staff. This in particular was achieved to a very high standard. Some of the activities were about developing personal skills and others such as preparing and cooking all meals for everyone, required collaborative input and created a sense of pride and As the week achievement. progressed the team bonds became very strong and this support of each other was shown on the last day during "The Amazing Race" where teams were required to complete a physically and mentally demanding two hour race where often individuals had to "take one for the team". And they did this without falter!

The trained camp leaders who taught many of the activities and travelled with their own group of students through all activities were



a large contributing factor to the success of the camp. Written feedback from the Year 10s included; "They were supportive, funny and explained things well" Nikita McAlister. "They were friendly, funny, helpful, caring and cool" Robyn Erasmus.

Huge thanks to all the teachers who did the long hours and also to all the student camp leaders who worked extremely hard, took a big load off the teachers and were fantastic role models to our Year 10s. Special thanks to Toni Arevalo Morrison who volunteered tirelessly in the kitchen and finally to POET who helped with programme development and a considerable financial contribution.

Finally, massive congratulations to all the Year 10s who gave their all at every opportunity they had – and that was pretty much all of them! *David Tait*

The Kapa Haka group represented the College at the Matariki Community Festival.



Our New School Nurse



Hi, ľm Erin Haines. I'm very excited to be given this opportunity to be vour school based nurse. I have been а registered nurse

for 8 years working in a variety of areas but mainly hospitals including a stint overseas. I will be open for business from Tuesday 5th July and my usual hours will be Monday-Thursday 8-4.30. The same services that have been provided in the past will continue. Come and introduce yourself, and I look forward to meeting all of you!

Maths Challenge

On Thursday 30th June a group of our Year 7/8 students travelled to Netherton School to take part in a Maths Challenge. The competition was organised by Netherton School for students Year 5 to 8 in the Hauraki area.

This was an excellent opportunity for our outstanding Math students to work and compete in a problem solving situation.



COLLEGE SPORT AND NEWS

Year 7/8 Rotorua Invitational Basketball Tournament – 2nd June



Congratulations to our 4 teams that attended this tournament. It was great to see the skill level grow throughout the day. There were a lot of wins and a lot of very close games. All the players came away certainly knowing more about basketball. Congratulations also to the way you represented your school both on and off the court.

Waikato Squash Teams Championships – 23rd June



Congratulations to Ryan Rogers, Dale Burdred and Jeremiah Tamihere who represented the College at the Waikato Secondary School Teams Tournament in Hamilton and did really well in their division.

Squash News

A reminder that junior squash is on after school at the courts on Baker Street every Monday afternoons from 3-30 to 5-15pm. Racquets and balls available. \$10 for Term 3. Primary school children may attend with a parent.

Club nights for adults and proficient juniors are on every Friday from 5-30pm onwards.

WBOP Zone Year 7/8 Cross Country – 24th June

Congratulations to our athletes that competed in the WBOP Zone Cross Country on Friday. Awesome effort from everyone!

Results: Year 7 Girls Aria Waite - 14th

Zeta Schuler - 21st Cassie Magyar - 27th Maddi Evetts-Jones - 31st



Year 7 Boys Aidon McKain - 9th Kalarn Parata - 24th Caleb Coffey - 30th Year 8 Girls Mia Morgan - 7th Charlotte Hutchins - 22nd

Year 8 Boys

Ben Hennessy - 5th Eddie Beetham - 29th The top 15 from each year group go on to represent the WBOP in Opotiki next Tuesday. Rachael Hall

Photos from the International Trip to **Rotorua and Waitomo**







Please register your interest with Rachael on 027 870 0937 or email rachaelr@waihicol.school.nz

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

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS



Waihi Blue Light Events

Term 2 School Holidays

What's happening?

Blue Light is running activities during the July school holidays Parents are welcome to attend and watch or join in

Ages: 5 to 15 years

Where: Waihi Events Centre

Time: 1 to 4pm Dates: Below

Week 1

Tuesday 12 July Thursday 14 July

Week 2

Tuesday 19 July Thursday 21 July

Activities include, inline skating and scooters, various activities and sports games, basketball comp, indoor soccer

or more information contact: Constable Andrew Cochrane or Snr Constables Harley NORTH and Sterling HUETT at Waihi Police Station – ph. 8638179, Email: andrew.cochrane@police.govt.nz

Drama News

Tautoko that! We are very proud of our enterprising young-stars (Sharn Wiltshire, Cassandra Magyar, Michaela Saunders and recent graduate Abby Fraser-Jones) for securing a corporate gig with TES at the Zespri conference in Tauranga last weekend.

Upcoming Events July 8th End of Term 2 TCBA B/B Day Camp 11th 22nd School Ball 24th-31st Fiji Trip Term 3 Begins 25th 26th Y11-13 Badminton Champs Y9-10 Badminton Champs 27th Y7-8 Badminton Champs 28th August NZ Blood Donations 1st **BOP Squash Inter-School** 2nd Coffee Course 3rd Katikati Exchange 3rd Y7-8 BOP B/B Tournament 4th Kyoritsu Group to Rotorua 4th 5th **TV Badminton Seniors**

Head Lice

There has been an outbreak of head lice at school, please check your child's/children's hair on a regular basis to help stamp these critters out.

40 Hour Famine "One Weekend, One Backpack"

message from Mrs Please return Twidle. your fundraising money and your donation books to school as soon as you can. Even if you did not complete 40 the 40 Hour Famine, you must return your donation book please.

Thanks

Thank you from Mrs Bigge to all those people who donated towels to the Art Department. We have passed some on to the Drama Department as well. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. *Linda Bigge*



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Staff Elec	tion Res	sults	
Parent representative votes:			
Fry, Mike		121	
Honey, Joh		28	
Jenks, Claire		99	
Jones, Heather		87	
Kupe, Miriama		16	
Pennell, Kevin		97	
Skinner, Mark		129	
Smeaton, Kate		58	
Invalid Vote	-	6	
I hereby declare the following			
duly electe	d:		
Fry, Mike			
Jenks, Claire			
Jones, Heather			
Pennell, Kevin			
Skinner, Mark			
Staff representative election:			
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I hereby declare Dot Carter duly			
elected.			
Rose Buckingham			
Returning Officer			



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