

# Waihi College Newsletter



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The past few weeks have been extremely busy at Waihi College. **International groups** from Japan, China, Korea and Taiwan have all come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who have been involved in any capacity. It is my view that sharing cultures helps us to understand each other better and hopefully lessen the risk of conflict in the world. Thank you for opening your homes and your hearts to promote our unique 'Kiwi' culture and hospitality. Whether it be financial, emotional, cultural or experiential, we all win from such exchanges.

By the time you read this there will be only 5 school days before our end of year **Internal Practice Exams (September 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>)** and 28 school days before the **External NCEA Exams. (November 9<sup>th</sup>– December 2nd)**. If you haven't already it's now time to set your priorities firmly on preparing for and achieving a qualification. Put aside some of the extra things you do and focus on your studies. I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity.

Please remember that school is closed for

instruction on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** as the teachers attend a **Paid Union Meeting (PUM)** to discuss employment matters.

This week a number of our sports teams have been away at the National Secondary School Sports Tournaments which are being hosted at different venues. It is always an honour to represent our school and I applaud the commitment these young people, staff and parents have made to prepare and compete against the best our country has to offer. Regardless of the results be proud and stand tall as our role models. Kia kaha!! I am always proud of the way our Waihi students perform with passion, pride and skill. (Some times against the odds).

Good luck to our Year 7/8 students who head off to the Aims Games in Tauranga next week. Yes you can wear your team hoodies to school on Friday this week. Always play to win, play with passion and commitment but do it with style and grace. Be the best you can be. Stand Tall and Be Proud. Kia Kaha

I am delighted that the 'big shiny thing' has returned to our skies and spring has arrived. Hopefully the ills of winter are chased away by the sun that is warming our backs.

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Tough Guy and Gal Challenge



This newsletter can be found on the College Website—[www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)

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### Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September the Level 2 Sports Education class drove to Lakes Ranch in Rotorua and participated in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge.

This was a 6km run on farm land and through native bush broken up with obstacles. The obstacles ranged from climbing over and crawling under cargo nets, ducking through tunnels, sliding under barb wire and electric ropes, wading through cold lakes and plenty of smelly, thick mud puddles!

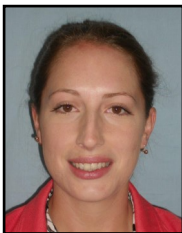
Everybody who went successfully completed the run and was able to warm up in the hot pools afterwards, we even managed to get one of the spot prizes at prize giving.

Caydan Hope was our fastest student from Waihi College who came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 672 competitors followed closely by Nicholas Pederson at 18<sup>th</sup> and Quinton Mitchell at 30<sup>th</sup>.

Both students and teachers are looking forward to doing some hard training and competing again in 2017.

Hannah Gifford

### News From The Nurse



#### Parents of Year 9 Students

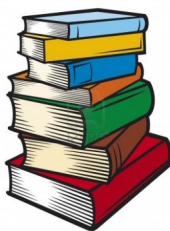
I am attempting to complete the Year 9 assessments for which you would have received a letter earlier this year. Unfortunately I am missing most of the consent forms which are needed in order to carry out the assessment.

To save me sending them out again, if **you do not want** your Year 9 to have a health assessment with the nurse please could you email me at [erin.haines@pinnacle.health.nz](mailto:erin.haines@pinnacle.health.nz) by the 15th September 2016.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Erin Haines



### Mobile Dental Unit

The Mobile Dental Unit 8 will be moving to Waihi College School early September.

We will be seeing and treating all children at Waihi College that we have enrolled for dental treatment.

If any parents would like to attend their child/rens appointment please call us to make a time that is convenient on: 021 359 798.

If all parents could please help us by signing and returning any dental forms you may see in your child's bag as soon as possible, it would be an enormous help to us.

*The Dental Team*

### Top Tips for Online Safety

#### What to do if there are problems:

If your email account is taken over by someone, change your password immediately (if possible) and report the incident to your email Provider.

WAIHI COLLEGE PRESENTS...



**PRE-TOUR CONCERT!**

Waihi College Hall

Saturday 3rd Sept - 7pm

GOLD COIN ENTRY



## HELP POLICE FIGHT P IN HAURAKI

### PUBLIC MEETING

7pm Wednesday 21 September  
in the Waihi College Hall

A presentation by members of the New Zealand Police Organised Crime Squad on **Awareness of Methamphetamine in our Community.**

- ▶ Receive valuable, first-hand information on the effects and prevalence of Meth/P
- ▶ Find out how to identify the signs and signals "all is not well"
- ▶ Learn how you can assist Police to keep your community safe from Meth/P
- ▶ Discover where to turn for help should you know someone who has an issue with Meth/P

Everyone is urged to attend. Methamphetamine use is not unique to Waihi, but the Waihi community can make a difference by coming together and helping the Police fight P.

This initiative is supported by Hauraki District Council, Go Waihi and Waihi College



## COLLEGE SPORT

### Katikati Exchange

The annual school exchange took place at Katikati College on Wednesday 3rd August with KKC hosting Waihi. Though windy and very cold the weather held off to allow all the games to go ahead.

Waihi was too strong on the day winning 10 out of the 15 games, particularly showing our depth in basketball winning all four games. Other stand out performances were wins by the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls Football and the Colts Football teams.

The Netball teams all played well with 4 wins out of 5 games.

Thank you to all of the coaches and parents who supported us on the day.

### BOP Year 7/8 Basketball Tournament



A fantastic day of basketball for our 4 teams at the BOP World Cup Tournament with our Year 8 Girls taking out the Gold and Year 7s 4th place. Also the Year 7/8 Boys claiming a Bronze with the



Development team coming 6th. Awesome work!

### Inline Representatives

Congratulations to the following players for being selected for Central Region Reps:

**U12** - Matt Barakat & Bree Heays

**U14** - Luke Barakat & Noah Burgess

### Hockey

**U17**—Nick Barakat, & Bradley Rickard, Jaiden Per –reserve goalie  
**Junior Women** - Jamie Mudford & Katie Lovell

Good luck everyone for October.

### TV Senior Badminton

Great day out at the senior badminton event. Awesome results. Thank you to Vanessa Mercer for taking the team.

#### Boys Singles

1st - Chou Fu Li

2nd - Tomoya Yano

4th - Ahren Watene-Jones

#### Girls Singles

2nd - Brooke Mercer

#### Boys Doubles

1st - Chou Fu Li & Royce Mercer

3rd - Ahren Watene-Jones & Caydan Hope

### TV Boys Football Champs

Some good football played in preparation for tournament week by the boys. They achieved 3rd place.

### TV Junior Badminton

Well done to all of our students that competed at the TV event this year. We had some great results.



#### Boys Singles

3rd Place - Tyron Chapman

4th Place - JP Hauraki-Wilson

#### Girls Singles

2nd Place - Michaela Malone

#### Boys Doubles

2nd Place - JP Hauraki-Wilson / Tyron Chapman

4th Place - Hemi Wells / Felix John (Waihi/Thames)

#### Girls Doubles

4th Place - Michaela Malone/Rhian Hope.

### Waimata Tournament

Congratulations 7A for taking out the Year 7 section of the Waimata Netball Tournament!

### Netball

### Junior Zone 1 and 2 Basketball Prens

The Year 9 and 10 Basketball teams have just completed their 4 days at winter tournament playing in Rotorua. This tournament is great for our players looking to continue into the senior ranks.

The Waihi players all showed great attitudes and commitment and



quickly became known for their good sportsmanship. Thank you to coaches Shannon Brady and Jared McHardy for all of your hard work. And to parents Jeanette



Culton, Jenny Smith, and Kaylene Croker for looking after everyone. Great to see the parent supporters that came down to watch!

Results: Girls 10<sup>th</sup> Place, Boys 14<sup>th</sup> Place.

### Congratulations!

Maddy Davison has been selected for the New Zealand Under 13 Koru team to tour Australia in January next year. We are super proud of all that you have achieved to get there. Well done.

### AIMS Games

Good luck to all of our students that are travelling to AIMS games during the week of the 5-9<sup>th</sup> September.

This tournament is Year 7 and 8s from all over the country and is a great way for our athletes to see

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how a major tournament works.

This year we have entries in Badminton, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Basketball, Football, and Netball.

*Rachael Hall*

### Careers Notice Board

Waihi College hosted a highly successful Coromandel Careers Expo Roadshow on the 11th August with over 30 exhibitors representing a diverse range of careers which senior students had the opportunity to access.

This was followed on the 12th with all the Year 10's visiting the ASB Arena, Mount Maunganui for the Tauranga Careers and Business Expo. They approached this event in a mature fashion and gained much value from it.

August also saw Course Planning Sessions with the Universities of Waikato, Otago and Massey and a visit from the NZ School of Radio.

September will see visits by:

8th AUT—11.00am

Auckland Uni—11.15am

14th Waiariki BOP Polytech—2.30pm

Applications for accommodation are progressing well—students have till the end of the month. Senior students should be also looking at all the Scholarships on offer and make applications.

Waiariki Bay of Plenty Polytech are also offering free courses in Hair,

Beauty Therapy and Garment Construction.

*Roger Hunt*

### International Travel for our Students

The Year 10 Japanese Trip is off in the September Holidays. This annual trip is the return exchange with Kyoritsu High School.

Renee Ranger and Claire Hayes have recently arrived back from their exchange to South Africa.

Our Vietnam Expedition Crew are in their final training phase and getting ready to go in December.

Zara Smith will be returning from her Rotary Exchange to Australia.

*Brendan Carroll*



Waihi Family Dental Centre is now open at 6 School Lane Waihi, and are providing **FREE** dental treatment for Year 9 to Year 13 students. **For all you 17 year olds, ensure you see us before you turn 18 for your LAST FREE dental treatment.** All new enrolments will receive a Wristband Flashdrive. We also offer 'FREE WIFI'. To make an appointment or for any further information please phone 863 7272.



### 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.



### Sore Throat Information

Below there is a link to the MOH website for more information on Rheumatic Fever.

Within this is the list of places in Waihi and Whangamata that people can go for the free throat swabs. <http://rheumaticfever.health.govt.nz/>

### Upcoming Events

#### September

- 4th-9th Aims Games Tournament
- 4th-9th Band Tour
- 5th L1 O/E Tramp & Camp
- 8th L2 PED to Cambridge
- 8th L3 Chemistry Trip
- 9th-14th Senior Exams
- 13th **Paid Union Meeting**—  
School closed for the day.
- 14th-16th L1 Wintech Trades - Block  
Course
- 15th-16th L2-3 O/E 1st Aid
- 19th BOT Meeting
- 21st Jiading Student Depart
- 21st TV Volleyball Champs
- 23rd End of Term 3

#### October

- 10th Start of Term 4



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**SORE THROATS**  
**RHEUMATIC FEVER**  
**HEART DAMAGE**

Get **ALL** sore throats checked at your swabbing service as soon as possible to help prevent Rheumatic Fever.

**FREE** sore throat swabbing is now offered at your local pharmacy, Pathlab, some high school clinics and GP practices.

Check out your closest swabbing service here: [www.rheumaticfever.health.govt.nz](http://www.rheumaticfever.health.govt.nz)