



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatou

Term One has just rushed by and the term break is just around the corner. Term One is always particularly busy with a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students to get involved with. (Sport, Camps, Fieldtrips, Productions and Community Events etc.) I am always impressed with how students and staff can fit all these things in and still complete the academic side of their learning programmes. It is very important however to get a balance between the curricular and extra-curricular activities and sometimes choices need to be made to ensure that justice is done to their learning.

Due to the large amount of outstanding debts, the school has taken a strong stance on non-payment of activity fees and **payments for activities must now be received in full** before a student can participate in the activity.

Winter Team Sport starts in earnest next term and I urge all students and parents to take up the challenge of being involved.

The rewards are tremendous as we see youngsters learning new skills and developing the capacity to work and have fun in teams. Yes there may be times of anguish and frustration, but the benefits far outweigh the disappointments. If you are unsure about how to help contact the school and we will be able to put you on to the teacher in charge. **Always play to win but play hard and play FAIR!**

I extend a special welcome to the San Patricio U18 Rugby Team from Argentina who we are hosting in school this week. It is a pity the weather has been so wet but we hope that you have enjoyed our district and our hospitality. The rugby game was definitely affected by the weather and we congratulate you on your victory.

Reminder that Term One ends on Thursday 13th April and Term Two starts on Monday 1st May. Anzac Day is celebrated on Tuesday 25th April which falls during the school break.

Have a great break, give back to those that love you most and remember to **be the best that you can be in everything that you do.**

Alistair Cochrane

Year 12 Geo Trip to the South Island



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

COLLEGE NEWS

South Island Trip

201 Geography thought our 5am get up on the 17th of March to leave for Auckland Airport was early. Turns out, it wasn't quite early enough because on our arrival in Auckland we realized there had been a slight mess up and we'd missed our flight! However, all mess ups aside we were in the air by 9:15 and made it to Christchurch.

We were treated to an exclusive tour around the best parts of the city before embarking on our long journey to Mt Cook, with a stop at the beautiful (windy) Lake Tekapo on the way. Highlight/lowlight of the trip occurred not long before we reached our accommodation as one of our vans, amidst confusion about goats, hit a sheep on the side of the road. Bit of an unlucky St Patrick's Day for the Irish on the trip. Tommy made a pun and John Cena came up but we still don't know if we're entirely over the trauma yet!

The following day at Mt Cook brought spectacular views of the mountain as we went on a Glacier Explorer boat ride on Lake Tasman and hauled ourselves along multiple hilly tramps Mr Hennessy quoted as "not that hard" and collected the data for our internal.

After our time at Mt Cook we drove to Fox Glacier, stopping at Lake Wanaka on the way. We also stopped at the Blue Pools of Haast where over half the class took up the challenge of diving into the freezing cold water. The challenge was taken up again at Fox Glacier where a few of us jumped into freezing glacier lakes and got out again pretty quickly. We tramped around the mirror-like Lake Matheson and Tommy made more puns. We then drove to Flock Hill where we were faced with the prospect of no Wi-Fi and no service. However, we came closer as a group in that situation and had an awesome time going caving.

The end to our epic trip came way too quickly and we found ourselves boarding our plane back in Christchurch. Massive shout out and thanks to Rachael and Sarita for coming with us and taking care of the whole group along the way.

Big thanks to Mr Hennessy for joining in with our banter and all the tours around the island. We loved it all and some of us are planning a trip back already!

Aoife Hennessy

Students Heading Overseas

One of the aims at Waihi College is to give our students as many opportunities as possible to explore our world. So far this year we have six Year 10 students heading off to Japan in September to visit our sister school. Two students are heading off for a four week exchange to South Africa in June and over 20 students have signed up to the Nepal Expedition in 2018. Rugnet are also off to Australia this year.

We are still looking for some students who would like to have the opportunity to travel to China in September for the Council's Sister City Exchange and are actively looking for more opportunities including Europe and South America for student travel.

Brendan Carroll

Below are photos from last years Vietnam trip where the students helped to build a new water system.

From this



To this



Equestrian

Term 1 has seen some activity in our Waihi College Equestrian Group. Izzy Faber competed at the



Waikato Interschool show jumping at Cambridge. It was a team event and she was in a team with students from another school. She had a good day out and her horse went very well.

Abbygail Guy entered in the Taupo Young Riders Dressage Championships and came away with a few rosettes, a second and three thirds.

Next week we have 3 students going to Thames Valley Secondary Schools Show jumping. It is good to have students out there competing. Well done girls, and good luck to Izzy Faber, Haille Strange and Alicia Harrison for next week.

Bridget Weller

COLLEGE SPORT

Senior Triathlon

This year's event was held on Monday 13th March with the weather playing havoc with school events. Miss Gifford had her first year at running this event and everything ran smoothly.

House points were taken out by the mighty Red House.

Triathlon Inter-House Points:

1st - Empire 184

2nd - Amaranth 176

3rd - Royal 166

4th - Dominion 49

More school records have been broken at this event, with the Hennessy's again being involved in two. Congratulations to **Ben Hennessy** on breaking the Junior Boys Individual - new record 17.48. Old record 19.36 (2010)

Congratulations to **Aoife Hennessy, Elan Fleten and Elise Agdestein** on breaking the Senior Girls Team record - new record 36.10. Old record 37.03 (2005)

Congratulations to **George Croker, Vincent Fransham and Dylan Corlett** on breaking the Senior Boys Team record - new record 33.51. Old record 33.54 (2016)

The individual results are as follows:

Junior Girls Individual—Payton Takimoana

Runner-up—Mia Morgan

Junior Boys Individual—Ben Hennessy

Runner-up—Ashton Owen-West

Intermediate Girls Individual—Gemma Walker

Runner-up—Kaia Waite

Intermediate Boys Individual—Liam Roberts

Runner-up—Jacob Drake

Senior Girls Individual—Emily Croker

Senior Boys Individual—Reece Kennedy

Triathlon Team Results

Junior Girls

1st - Brylee Pullen, Ashlee Woodhouse, Summer Perrin

Junior Boys

1st - Jared Lee, Rian Butler, Kobe Taylor

2nd - Harri Adams, Kalani Smith, Rhys Wiki

Intermediate Girls

1st - Tahlia Ormsby-Hight, Julie Steele, Shakira Shephard

Intermediate Boys

1st - Ollie Drake, Trav Anderson, Bailey Cameron

2nd - Josh Miller, Rubin Crompton, Jasper Olson

Senior Girls

1st - Aoife Hennessy, Elen Fleten, Elise Agdestein

Senior Boys

1st - George Croker, Vincent Fransham, Dylan Corlett

2nd - Matthias Hering, Nick Barakat, Nick Pedersen

Waihi College Athletics

With a delayed start due to the weather the Championship was held on Friday 3rd March in beautiful sunshine. It was great to see the senior students out in force wearing their house colours and competing for points. The day was won by the yellow house, but the points were a lot closer this year across the four houses.



Inter-House Points

1st - Royal 566

2nd - Amaranth 504

3rd - Empire 462

4th - Dominion 436

Athletics Records Broken

Congratulations to **Payton Takimoana** for breaking the Junior Girls Long Jump record that has stood since 1988 (Debbie Nelson - 4.45m) with a jump of 4.66m

Congratulations to **Gris Folau** for breaking the Junior Boys Shotput record (2002 James Thomas - 11.30m) with a put of 11.63m

Senior Athletics Champions 2017

Junior Girls—Payton Takimoana (

Runner-up—Zoe Cash

Junior Boys—Gristopher Folau

Runner-up—Joel Martin (

Intermediate Girls—Tasmin Skinner & Ivy Fawcett

Intermediate Boys—Jasper Olson

Runner-up—Bailey Brady

Senior Girls—Emily Croker

Runner-up—Michaela Baker

Senior Boys—Bradley Colman

Runner-up—Reece Kennedy



COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

News From the Nurse

I will be moving on to a new job opportunity from Term 2. I have really enjoyed getting to know some of the awesome students at Waihi College and hope I have helped some of you to get the most out of school by being as healthy as you can be. Dr Greaves will still be available Monday's 1-3pm.

Erin Haines

Calling New Host Families – Waihi College International needs you!

Have you ever thought about hosting an international student? We would love to hear from anyone who is keen to find out more about this opportunity.

This year we have both short and long term students arriving. Our short term groups are here for one to two weeks, and our long term students are here for between two and four terms.

For more information or to have a chat with us about what it means to be a host family, please contact us. Host family payments apply.

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Net Safe

This website has great resources for you and your family on keeping things safe online.

www.netsafe.org.nz

Upcoming Events

April

- 7th-8th NZSS Wrestling Champs
- 7th TV Tennis Champs
- 8th-9th NISS Athletics
- 10th-13th Year 9 Camp
- 11th BOP Y7/8 Swim Champs
- 11th Waikato Swim Champs
- 11th Get Ahead Career Experience Agr & Hort L1-3
- 12th BOP Lit Quiz
- 13th Interim Reports Home
- 13th End of Term 1
- 14th Good Friday

May

- 1st Start of Term 2
- 1st Wintec Visit
- 4th TV Bowls

Important Notice To All Parents

Please note: Waihi College requires **ALL** previous years course fees, sporting fees and trip fees to be cleared **before** your child may participate in any extra curricular activities this year.

Careers Notice Board

March saw visits from Otago, Canterbury and Waikato Universities.

April

5th Thames Hospital—for those interested in nursing (midwifery).

13th Auckland University Visit (10.15am)

May

1st WINTEC Visit (10.30am)

12th WINTEC Open Day

18th Waikato Clinical School (for prospective doctors).

19th Waikato University Open Day

25th AUT Visit (12.20pm)

26th Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology (ex BOP Polytechnic) Open Day

31st Lincoln University Visit (9.30am)

Roger Hunt

Talent Quest

The Talent Quest is on tonight (Thursday) in the College Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm and its a gold coin entry.

The show will start at 7pm.

Please come along to support our talented students.

Sarita Carroll

Photos From this Weeks First Aid Course



More Photos from Vietnam

