



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The 2017 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. It was great to see you all at the Powhiri on the 3rd February. New staff are:

Bridgette Dalgliesh (Mathematics)

Casey Davies (Science)

Andrea Evetts-Jones (Y7/8)

Siobhan Fitzgerald (Food Technology)

Tuihana Jack Ainsley (Te Reo/Te Ao Maori)

Pippa Russell (ICT)

Michael Wallis (English)

Melissa Watt (Year 7/8)

Sarah Wharry (Year 7/8)

Shelley Wright (Mathematics)

Sarita Carroll (Gateway Administrator and Arts Coordinator)

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 days as the actual roll is confirmed.

I was very pleased with the **2016**

Examination Results. Approximately 80% of Year 11, 87% of Year 12 and 77% of Year 13 students who were enrolled in a full NCEA programme gained their respective NCEA level qualifications. These results are a strong improvement on 2015 and I congratulate all students who achieved their respective NCEA goals.

Special congratulations to **Claudia Garcia, Savannah Harvey, Shaun McNeil, Sarah Boggis, Rennie Allan and Luke Fraser** who are the recipients of the OceanaGold \$2000.00 scholarships and to all those students who generated Merit and Excellence endorsement awards on their respective NCEA qualifications.

I am excited that the **new classrooms** have been finished and our Year 7 and 8 students are now learning in them. The rooms will be officially opened at 11.30am on Thursday 23rd February. All are welcome to be part of the ceremony.

The first term of any school year is filled with many opportunities for the students and the upcoming **Swimming (22nd February) and Athletics Sports (1st March)** 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

OceanaGold Scholarships



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.

COLLEGE NEWS AND NEW STAFF

Year 13 Citizenship Camp

It was a pleasure beginning 2017 with the Year 13 students at our annual POET Citizenship camp at Aongatete Lodge. Our seniors involved themselves in a range of activities supporting the themes of Contribution, Personal Skills and Taking Action.



The main purpose of the camp is to bring the group together, unify them as a cohort and also develop and build on the culture and house spirit which already exists. The teacher House Leaders Mr McNeil (Royal), Miss Gifford (Amaranth), Mr Allen (Empire) and Dr Ruttersmith (Dominion) had the difficult task of selecting house leaders based on the effort, attitude and performance of the students. Congratulations to Ethan Bentley and Grace Allan (Dominion), Stella Culton-Mayor and Charlie Spicer (Amaranth), Corban Fisher and Sophie Marshall (Dominion), Austin Martin and Haylee Erasmus (Empire).

Another important part of the camp is developing the skills needed to maintain personal focus throughout what is likely to be the most important schooling year of their lives. As well as this, campers were taught a range of games which they will bring back to school and use throughout the Peer Support Programme which begins in Week 5.

A huge THANKYOU to all the teachers who helped run the camp but especially to Mrs Hill who did such an amazing job keeping everyone fueled up with such delicious food.

Finally; congratulations to all you Year 13's who attended. Being present is a huge part of achieving success, so you have made a great start to 2017. *D Tait—Y13 Dean*



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COLLEGE SPORT

Koru Tour



Kelli Purcell (Y12), Blake Atger (Y12), Maddisen Davison (Y9), and Rian Butler (Y9), 4 of our young basketballers attended the NZ Koru Development Tour in Albury, Australia in January this year. After fundraising hard for the trip all of the athletes enjoyed the trip and gained a lot of experience. Rian's U14 Team took out their grade and the U14 Girls team with Maddi came 3rd. Fantastic results.

Triathlon

Ben Hennessy (Y9) has been following his passion over the summer competing in both a duathlon and Triathlon at the Rotorua Sports Festival and also the Tauranga Tri Series. Ben raced in the U17 division in all of these events and did well, word is he may have beaten his father's time in one of these events.

Inline Hockey

Inline Hockey has continued over the summer months and have just had their 3x3 Waitangi Weekend Tournament. The following Waihi College Athletes competed:

Luke Barakat (Y11) and Noah Burgess (Y9) – Hitmen came 3rd, Jaiden Pert (Y11) – Arctic Wolves came 2nd. Matt Barakat (Y8) and Bradley Rickard (Y11) – Bench Warmers. Jamie Mudford (Y11) and Sam Bayes (Y11) & Nikita Torrens (Y9) – Blades of Fury. Connor Torrens (Y7) – Fantastic Beasts. Nick Barakat – High Rollers.

Colgate Games

This year the Colgate Games were held in Hastings, and saw young athletes from all over the country competing in Athletics. Aria Waite (Y8) continued her fantastic season



with a 2nd in the 400m and a 6th in the 200m. Zeta Schuler (Y8) Long Jump, Shotput, High Jump and 400m and Hurdles. Matt Schuler (Y7) gold in Long Jump, and silver in Discus and 200m and also team relay.

Trans-Tasman Athletics

Matt and Zeta Schuler attended the Trans-Tasman Athletics Championships after qualifying for the team last year. Matt got a bronze in the field relay and a gold in the 4x100m relay. He also competed in Discus, Long Jump, 100m and 800m. Zeta competed Shotput, High Jump and 400m.

Cricket

Jackson Walker (Y7) has had a great finish to his cricketing season with his Western BOP Year 6 team



being named Champions of the Riverbend Tournament. This tournament was 6 games played over 3 days, an exhausting and rewarding experience for these young athletes.

Touch Rugby

The IPS Touch Tournament was held in Rotorua on Anniversary Weekend, with the following athletes playing for Thames Valley Teams:

U14 Elite Mixed - Cylis Green (Y9), Aidon McKain (Y8), and Payton Takimoana (Y9). U14 Development - Aria Waite (Y8). U12 Elite Mixed – Max Baker (Y7), and Hayley Morgan (Y8).

Both teams played great touch, improving throughout the tournament and both finished in 4th place. Congratulations to all the players.

Swimming

Aoife Hennessy (Y12) has qualified for the NZ Div 2 Swimming Championships after training hard over the holidays with both the Waihi Club, the TV Swimming Academy and also by competing in Regional meets such as the Hamilton Summer Swim Meet. Zeta Schuler (Y8) and Lillie Tai (Y7) have qualified for the National Zone Swimming Championships to be held in Rotorua.

BOP Surf Club Champs

A busy summer for the Schuler family who competed at the BOP Club Champs in Papamoa, Matt getting gold in flags, silver in sprints and Zeta silver in the sprints.

Surf Life Guards

Congratulations to new life guards Ollie Drake (Y10), Josh Miller (Y11), and Aoife Hennessy (Y12), also to Jacob Drake (Y11) and



Lydian Rogers (Y12) who have completed their 3rd year.

Netball

Connor Pascoe has started off his year with the opportunity to umpire a Singapore Touring team coached by Ruth Aitken playing a Paeroa invitational team on Waitangi Weekend. We wish him well for the year ahead.



COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Te Kura — NZ Correspondence School

We have received from 'Te Kura — the NZ Correspondence School' certificates for Claudia Garcia. She has been awarded twice the Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu Academic Award. Once for Level Three History and once for Classical Studies. Claudia completed both of these courses online and has been recognised for her top academic results. She gained Excellence grades in all of her NCEA Standards.

Justin Harper

Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2017

The theme for The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2017 is "A Commonwealth for Peace." The competition is open to all citizens and residents of the Commonwealth aged 18 and under and is open until 1 May 2017.

Junior Category Topics

1. What is in your Toolbox for Peace?
2. My peaceful place.
3. How can children and young people come together to build a peaceful society?
4. 'Peace cannot be learnt from a book or from religion. You have to reach out and touch the nations.' How does this relate to the Commonwealth?

Senior Category Topics

1. Peace.
2. Should you fight for peace?
3. Kofi Annan said 'Education is, quite simply, peace-building by another name.' Do you agree? Answer with reference to your country and/or the Commonwealth.
4. What is the cost of peace?

To enter or for further information come see Mrs Flanagan in B8, or Mrs Barrow in B9.

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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—027 201 5673.

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.

The New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad

The New Zealand Linguistics Olympiad is a national competition held annually in which you are given the opportunity to take part in a problem-solving challenge quite unlike anything you will have experienced before. You will be given a small amount of language data from an unfamiliar (and often exotic) language, and must find patterns in this data in order to figure out something about the structure of that language. No prior knowledge of linguistics or any other languages is necessary to take part. If you're interested in participating, see Mrs Flanagan

Itinerant Music Lessons

There is an opportunity for children to have free Music lessons through the itinerant music scheme.

Tutors come once a week and lessons are available in flute, clarinet, trumpet, violin, cello, piano/keyboard, and guitar.

There is no cost for the lessons and initially children do not have to own an instrument.

Naturally children already in the scheme will have priority but there are spaces available.

N.B. guitar is always more popular than we have spaces for so be in quick.

If interested please feel free to ring me at school on 07 863 8349, or in the evenings at home on 07 863 6480 or 022 047 7359.

Bob Paton. T.I.C. Music

Upcoming Events

February

11th-12th	Jnr Eastern Surf Regionals
14th	NCEA Info Evening 6.00pm
15th	New Student/Parent BBQ - 6.00pm
21st	Y7/8 Triathlon
21st	NCEA Endorsement Celebration—6.00pm
22nd	Y9-13 Swimming Champs
23rd	Y7-9 Parent Interviews
23rd	New Classrooms Official Opening
27th-2nd	Y7/8 Te Arawa Camp

March

1st	Y9-13 Athletics Champs
2nd	TV Swimming Champs
2nd-5th	Under 14 Oceans

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.

