

Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



WOW what a frenetic start to the school year it has been. The weeks seem to be rushing by and already we are over half way through Term One. There have been a large number of different activities for students to get involved with including: Swimming, Athletics, Triathlon, Camps, Classroom openings, Fieldtrips, Powhiri and Kapahaka to name but a few. So keep your eyes and ears open for school notices and get involved.

The new classrooms were officially opened on Thursday (23rd Feb) last week by Kevin Pennell (BOT Chair), David Vincent (MOE), Ross Cooper (Staff) and Lily North (Student). A delegation of invited guests, parents, students and staff gathered to celebrate the new learning spaces we are calling waka. Waka Te Arawa and Waka Tainui represent not only the two prominent Iwi of our region but also draw connection from the two original HOUSES of Waihi College back in the 1960's and 70's. These flexible learning spaces pave the way for learning opportunities better suited to the needs of our students and I am excited they

are finally able to be used.

The EMPIRE strikes back again!!! It is great to see the **EMPIRE** House winning the Y9-13 **Swimming sports this year**. Congratulations to all the Champions and Record breakers, your performances will be remembered. Good luck to all those heading off to the Thames Valley championships. You will only ever know how good you can be by competing against the best. Remember to compete with passion, win with grace and style and if you are beaten then honor those that beat you on the day.
(See the Sports pages for results)

I took the opportunity to tramp the Maratoto trail with the Te Arawa waka as they headed out to camp on Monday. Misty rain shrouded the hills and cooled our journey and the only sounds were the quiet footsteps, birds in the trees and 4762 cries "are we there yet!!!!". The students and staff enjoyed the walk and I was proud of them all. You guys rock!

"Be the best you can be and keep reaching for the stars."

Alistair Cochrane

The New Classrooms/Waka Opening



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

COLLEGE NEWS

New Classrooms Opening



NCEA Endorsement Celebration

On Tuesday evening Waihi College celebrated the success of our Year 12 and 13 students who gained merit and/or excellence endorsement in NCEA last year.

2016 was an excellent year for the senior school. We had a record number of excellence endorsed students in Year 12. In total Waihi College had 43 students gain either an overall endorsement or a subject endorsement.

Particular recognition for Excellence goes to the following students;

Nick Barakat - overall excellence endorsement.

Ben Fry - overall excellence endorsement and excellence in Mathematics.

Millie Dunstall - overall excellence endorsement and excellence in English.

Madison Maclaurin - overall excellence endorsement and excellence in English and History.

Sophia Richards - overall excellence endorsement and excellence in Chemistry, Mathematics and Geography.

Jessica Roberts - overall excellence endorsement and excellence in English.

Brittany Shreeves - excellence in Visual Arts.

Charlie Spicer - overall excellence endorsement.

NCEA Level One

Nyah Frew - overall excellence endorsement.

Aofie Hennessy - overall excellence endorsement and excellence in excellence in English.

Ngawhira Kennedy - overall excellence endorsement.

These results reflect a tremendous amount of work by students, parents and teachers combined. Well done to all the students.

Justin Harper



Congratulations to the students who took part in the Linguistics Olympiad last Friday (24th Feb). We had an increased number of participants this year, which included students as young as Year Seven. The papers have been sent away for marking and we will pass the results on as soon as we get them!



There are numerous competitions around at the moment, with the United Nations Speechmaking competition closest. The title is: Is There a Role for Nuclear Weapons in Today's World? We have some amazing speakers here at Waihi College – It is time to show off what we can do. Entries are still open, come and speak with Mrs Barrow or Mrs Flanagan (B8 ad B9). Mr McKechnie has kindly offered to support you with the 'Matter' part of your speech, and an English teacher will support you with the 'Manner'. Competition date is April 3rd.



The Year 7 & 8 Lit Quiz will be held later this term, and we are looking for teams to compete against other schools in the Tauranga heat. The finalists of this competition travel the world and compete against students from eight countries. See www.kidslitquiz.com for more information. Download their free app to practice at home. You never know what questions will come up, so read, read, read!



COLLEGE SPORT

Swimming Tumble!!!

Records



A fantastic day for the Waihi College 2017 Senior Swimming Sports on Wednesday 22nd February.

This year's attendance was well up on the previous few years and it was great to see everyone dressed up in their house colours.



Along with those there to just participate for house points were our serious swimmers, many of whom have been training all summer. There were some outstanding results across all of the age groups.

Most outstanding of the day was Aoife Hennessy who broke four Intermediate Girls records. One of these records was held by Christine Warn from 1981.

New Intermediate Girls Records

3L (100m) Freestyle - new 1.07.84 - old 1.10.69 (2016)

1L (33.3m) Breaststroke - new 27.44 - old 27.53 (1981)

1L (33.3m) Backstroke - new 24.03 - old 24.73 (2005)

3L (100m) Backstroke - new 1.20.83 - old 1.26.67 (2009)

Fantastic results! Congratulations Aoife!

At the end of the day the following athletes were named as age group Champions.

Y9-13 Swimming Champions

Junior Girl - Mia Morgan (A) 25

Runner-up - Charlotte Hutchins (A)

Junior Boy - Ben Hennessy (E) 24
Runner-up - Leon Wolfenden (E) 10

Intermediate Girl - Aoife Hennessy (E) 27

Runner-up - Gemma Walker (R) 15

Intermediate Boy - Aiden Wild (R) 22

Runner-up - Tommy Steele (E) 18

Senior Girl - Sidney Morgan (A) 25

Runner-up - Millie Dunstall (A) 14

Senior Boy - Reece Kennedy (E) 25

Runner-up - Krista Dillon (D) 14

Empire had a huge day in the pool and have come out on top in the House Points.

Y9-13 Swimming Sports House Points:

1st - Empire 589

2nd - Amaranth 512

3rd - Royal 448

4th Dominion 192

Year 7 and 8 Triathlon—21st February

A fantastic day with all our Juniors getting involved as either part of a team or as an individual. Great to see all of the parent support on the day. Thank you to Miss Gifford for her organisation, Matty Matich and his team for an awesome track set up and all the Year 7/8 teachers for their support.



Year 7/8 Triathlon Champions

Y7 Girls

1st - Lillie Tai

2nd - Ciara Hennessy

3rd - Jade Waite

Y7 Boys

1st - Matt Schuler

2nd - Max Baker

3rd - Noah Harries

Y8 Girls

1st - Aria Waite

2nd - Hayley Morgan

3rd - Madison Evetts-Jones

Y8 Boys

1st - Aidon McKain

2nd - Jakob McKain

3rd - Kalarn Parata

Team Results

Year 7 Girls

1st - Tyla Millar, Monika Vaughan, Te Wai Howie

2nd - Shilah Clothier, Ruby Church, Lucy Walton

3rd - Maddison Hall, Sarah Low, Ellie Cochrane

Year 7 Boys

1st - Dylan Steel, Brendon Whatuira

2nd - Cadyn Langeveld, Caleb Hutchins, Ashton Mathers

3rd - Brendan Rotohiko, Connor Torrens, Divyash Swamy

Year 8 Girls

1st - Riley East, Elyssa Roycroft, Phoenix TeHuia

2nd - Neisha Bellamy, Lily North

3rd - Evelyn Arevalo, Amie Carroll, Via Taulafo

Year 8 Boys

1st - Sam Malone, Liam Callesen, Reegan Green

2nd - Honza Andrews, Matt Barakat, Flynn van der Zwan

3rd - CJ Smith, Tai Davis, Arama Koopu

Inter-House Pancake Obstacle Relay - 24th February



Sports Leader, Monique Kerr organised the event and after a slight delay, with the whole school watching, everyone had lots of fun! Great to see all of the House Leaders out supporting all of the participants.



Points went to:

1st - Amaranth, 2nd - Royal

3rd - Dominion, 4th - Empire

Rachael Hall

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Cars and the Bus Bay

After school, drivers generally know to keep clear of the Bus Bay from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Before school, the buses are not all there at the same time and this leads drivers to believe that it is OK to drive into the Bus Bay to let their children off. The problem is the students, who have just gotten off their bus, are not expecting cars to also be in the Bus Bay so will you please look out for our students by not entering the Bus Bay from 8.20am to 8.40am.

Thanks

Peter McNeil

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.

School Nurse

Pinnacle Midlands Health Network are again funding a school based health service for 2017. Erin Meares- a Registered Nurse is in school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8am-4pm and General Practitioner Dr Suzanne Greaves is available Mondays 1-3pm. This service is free of charge for all students.

If you wish to speak to the nurse about this service, call through the school office or email erin.haines@pinnacle.health.nz

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Friday 3rd March and Friday 7th April—9.30am—1.30pm.

Closed for lunch – 12.00-12.45pm

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 regarding this service phone 07 838 3565.

Upcoming Events

March

3rd-5th	U14 Oceans
6th-9th	Tainui Camp
6th	Class/Individual Photos
8th	TV Athletics Champs
10th	Y9-13 Triathlon
14th	Waikato Tennis Tournament
15th	Y7-9 Parent Interviews
15th	Waikato Individual Triathlon
15th	Y7/8 Swimming Champs
15th	Canterbury Uni Presentation
16th-19th	NZ Snr Surf Club Nationals
16th	Y7/8 Literacy Quiz
17th-22nd	L2 Geo South Island Trip
20th	BOT Meeting
22nd	Waihi Beach Hop Warm-up
22nd	Waikato Teams Triathlon
23rd	TV Touch Champs
23rd	Y7-10 Meet The Teachers Evening
25th	Waikato/BOP Athletics
27th	Y7/8 Ugly Shakespeare
28th-30th	L2 Bio Goat Island Trip
29th	Y9-13 Tennis Champs
29th	Immunisations

April

3rd	Globe Snr Drama/English Trip
4th	TV Y7-13 Triathlon
5th	Thames Hospital Allied Health Trip
5th	TV Tennis Champs
5th	Argentinian Rugby Tour Game
7th-8th	NZSS Wrestling Champs

Year 11 to 13 Parents

FYI Year 11 to 13 Parents. The first interim reports are due to be emailed home in Week Seven (Tuesday the 14th March). These will include effort and progress grades and any NCEA results plus attendance data.

Year 7 to 10 Parents

FYI Year 7 to 10 Parents. There is an afternoon, evening set aside on Week Eight (Thursday the 23rd of March) for informal 'meet the teacher' opportunities. This will be from 4pm until 6pm and will be on a walk in basis.

Talent Quest

We are holding a Talent Quest on Thursday 6th April. Auditions will start next week! Please register your interest with Mrs Carroll as soon as possible.

Pop up Globe Trip

Permission slips will be out this week for the senior English and Drama class visit to a production at the world's first full-scale, working replica of the second Globe Theatre. We are going on Monday 3rd April, to see Much Ado About Nothing. If anyone else is interested in seeing this event, including parents, please talk with Mrs Carroll for more information. Tickets are limited. www.popupglobe.co.nz

Wednesday
19th April
9am - 3pm

Thursday
20th April
9am - 3pm

Friday
21st April
9am - 3pm

RHFA Waihi Youth Course

— RHFA Youth Course —

★ Waihi College ★
AGES 8-15

★ COST ONLY \$99.00 ★

For more info and to register Go to
www.rickiherbertfootballacademy.co.nz