



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatou

Term Three is now in full swing and it is great to see everyone working hard preparing for their upcoming examinations. Remember academic success comes to

those students who are organized and motivated to work hard to achieve their goals.

We are endeavouring to keep out of class activities to a minimum for both students and staff to ensure that students can concentrate on preparing themselves to the best of their ability. I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity.

In an attempt to ensure that all our students are given the best opportunity to achieve an NCEA qualification we have adopted the following approach:

- **Practice Exams (Sept 15-20):** Regular classes will operate whilst the practice exams are on. Only students actually involved in the scheduled exam will be out of class.

o (No exam leave for practice exams)

- **NCEA External Exams:** Exam leave will be decided on a case by case basis when JHa/KMo/DCa are confident that a student will gain 80 credits towards their relevant "level" qualification. All other students will be required to be at school and in class continuing to study.

I also extend a **special welcome** to all the international students and particularly Principal Seiya Hareyama from Kyoritsu Joshi Dai Ni who are currently in our school. (Taiwan, Korea, China, Japan, South America and Europe) We hope you are having a wonderful time and settling into our Waihi way. Enjoy the opportunities that are available in our school.

The **School Ball** at the end of the holiday break was also an outstanding success. The Hall looked elegant as did our young adults who went out of their way to dress and behave in an outstanding way. I congratulate the Ball Committee for their courage in doing it differently and having the resilience to turn it into something special.

Congratulations to all of you who participated in the **RUGNET** tour to Australia. The feedback I have received has been extremely positive and I compliment you on being outstanding ambassadors for our school and community.

Winter sport is coming to the business end of the season and I wish everyone all the best as you strive to achieve championship victory. May the skill and team work that you have learnt throughout the season have you prepared and ready for the final challenge. Whether you win or lose do it with dignity and grace. Honor and respect your opponents for the skill and enthusiasm they brought to the challenge.

Alistair Cochrane

The 2017 Rugnet Tour



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

COLLEGE NEWS

Waihi College Senior Exam Week – 18th, 19th and 20th September 2018

NCEA Achievement Standard Courses include two different types of assessments: internal assessments, where assessment tasks are submitted during the school year, and external assessments, assessed in November under exam conditions. Internal assessments are generally more popular as students prefer to collate their credits as the course progresses.

However, external assessments are also important. Firstly, the assessments can be used to provide NZQA with a “derived grade” in case a student (due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances) is unable to sit the November external exams. They also provide useful preparation for students heading to university, as many university courses assess under exam conditions. Many universities also consider specific external assessments to be of a greater value, and include these standards in their pre-requisites.

In many subjects, the externals follow a similar pattern and skill set throughout Levels 1, 2 and 3. Students who opt out of an external at Levels 1 or 2 because they have ample credits may come to regret this at Level 3! They realise that they do need the additional credits for University Entrance or an overall pass. The practice at Levels 1 and 2 would have been invaluable! Even if the credits are not required, preparing and sitting an external provides critical preparation for the same subject the following year. Remember, as the levels get higher, the courses get tougher!

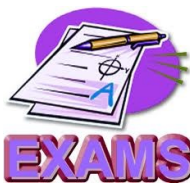
Finally, the perception that internals are “easier” than externals, and require “less work” is not true. Usually most of the preparation for the externals is delivered as an integral part of the course. The work has already been done! Some of the externals are skill based, and simply require practice rather than intensive revision. Finally, our teachers provide focussed lessons, especially in Term 4, that are specifically designed to prepare

students for externals. The most important factor in success in the externals is excellent attendance, full participation in class and keeping up with homework. Burning the midnight oil is not essential! It is our expectation that all students

attempt at least one external in every Achievement Standard Course. This includes sitting the external assessments during Waihi College Senior Exam Week (18th – 20th September) and during the NZQA Secondary Exams (9th November – 1st December). These assessments are very important: please do not book family trips or make appointments that clash with these times.

You can find the NZQA timetable at www.nzqa.govt.nz or collect a copy from the Student Centre.

*Kate Morley and Dot Carter
Learning Leaders (Senior School)*



Senior Subject Selection 2018 - Key Dates

During Term 3 we will be guiding current Year 11 – 12 students through the process of subject selection for 2018. Year 10 students will be focussing on career pathways this term; their subject selection will take place during Term 4.

On **Monday 4th September** there will be a **NCEA Subject Information Evening** (for Years 10 – 12) in the Hall from 6pm – 7pm. Students and family members are invited to come and discuss our 2018 courses with subject specialist teachers.

On **Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October** we will be holding **Subject Selection Interviews** for current Year 11 and 12 students at Waihi College from 1pm – 7pm on both days. It is critical that students come in, preferably with a family member, to discuss in detail their career pathway, subject requirements and make their 2018 subject selections. Appointments will be available, but not essential. This is scheduled during the



school holidays so that the right staff can focus on this important process without other distractions. Please contact Kate Morley (katem@waihicol.school.nz) with any queries.

Careers Notice Board

Big events this term include:

1 **Coromandel Roadshow**—Over 40 exhibitors will be in the College Hall 9.30am—12.00am on Thursday 10th August. Exhibitors include Tertiary Institutions, Industry Training Organisations, Private Providers, Defence Careers, Police, Study Link (loans and allowances) to name a few. Senior classes will be timetabled. Parents wishing to find out about courses, careers, scholarships, loans and allowance etc are most welcome to drop in during this time.

2 **Canvas Tauranga Careers Showcase**—All Year 10 will be travelling to the ASB Arena, Mount Maunganui to this careers event which will be similar to the Coromandel Roadshow.

There are a number of Universities having Open Days during this term eg Auckland University (2nd September) provide a free bus collecting students at Waihi.

Term 3 will also see the beginning of course planning for various institutions beginning with Waikato University 12th September at 9.30am.



Roger Hunt

The School Ball



COLLEGE SPORT AND NEWS

Rugnet Tour 2017

The Waihi College A Netball and Rugby teams recently travelled to the Gold Coast for the 2017 World Sport Rugby and Netball Carnival. The trip was a culmination of many months of planning, organising, training and of course fundraising. For the majority of the squad it was their first time playing overseas which proved to be a very challenging experience at times due to the heat and quality of opposition.

The netballers were strongly tested



during their tournament, playing an incredible 17 games over 4 days of competition in the 20+ degree 'Winter' weather. One of the notable results for the team was a 1 point win over Trinity College, avenging a 1 point loss in the final of the previous 2015 tour. The girls enjoyed the sportsmanship of their opposition and the positive atmosphere during the tournament. The rugby boys took on the challenge whole-heartedly and began their tournament with a win



against a much larger team from Fairfield College. This awesome result helped fuel their play for the rest of the tournament, demonstrating an overall step up in teamwork, intensity and physicality from their prior games back home. After 5 matches against some tough opposition, including rep teams from South Australia and Northern Territories, the boys finished the tournament with 1 win, 2 default wins and 2 losses. Highlights of the tour for the squad



were winning games, playing well, the beach, shopping, the food and theme parks. They had an awesome time and will be able to look back on many fantastic memories for the rest of their lives. We would like to thank all the parents, supporters and sponsors for helping make the tour a successful and positive experience for our teams.

Shannon Smith

Jayden Purcell and Mason Mouat

Congratulations to Jayden Purcell and Mason Mouat on their



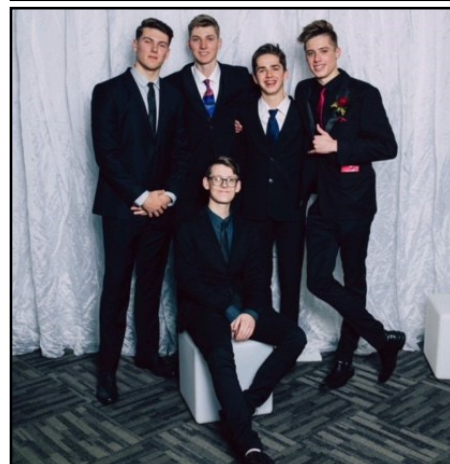
performances as part of the Ricki Herbert U14 Football team that competed on the Gold Coast last week.

An amazing experience and awesome skills and sportsmanship shown by the boys!

Rachael Hall



Photos from the School Ball



COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Year 9 Leaders Day Waikato University

At 7.15am a chosen group of Year 9 students headed off to Young Leaders Day in Hamilton. Once we



arrived we headed towards the lecture hall at the University Of Waikato where three girls preformed a dance for everyone. Then everyone got split up into small groups and headed to different lecture rooms and we all

listened to different leaders talk about the struggles they had to go through to get to where they are today and how they became a leader.

After lunch our school group joined with Te Aroha College's school group and headed to a classroom in the Education Building. We talked about choices and played some games. We then travelled home happily with lots of new information to help us become great leaders one day.

By Maisie Thomas, Brylee Pullen and Liana Vaughan



Upcoming
Events

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August

- 4th Holocaust Seminar
- 4th L1 Outdoor Ed Tramp/Camp
- 4th TV Senior Badminton
- 4th WBOP Y7/8 Badminton Open Event
- 5th Battle of Bay—Cheerleading
- 6th-9th L3 PE Ski Trip
- 8th BOP Chess-Secondary
- 9th BOP Chess Intermediate
- 10th Coromandel Careers Expo
- 11th BOP Snr B/B Division 2 Tournament
- 11th Careers Expo Tauranga Y10
- 11th TV Junior Badminton
- 14th-18th Maths Week
- 14th L3 Outdoor Ed—Day Trip
- 15th-18th Inter-house Sports Week
- 15th Team & Cultural Photos
- 18th BOP B/B Div 1 Tournament
- 19th-25th Jiading Exchange
- 20th-23rd L1 PE Ski Trip
- 21st-25th Y9/10 Volleyball Week
- 21st BOT Meeting (6pm)
- 23rd TV Girls Football Champs
- 23rd Y13 Chemistry Field Trip
- 25th Y10-13 Interim Reports Emailed
- 25th L2 Tough Guy/Girl Rotorua
- 30th TV Boys Football Champs

September

- 1st L2 Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking
- 2nd-5th NZSS Jnr B/B Zone 1 & 2

Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Friday 18th August—9.45am—2.00pm.

Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door.

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.



WAIHI SQUASH CLUB

Junior Squash Coaching



MONDAY 8 WEEKS

Starts 7th August

\$20 for 8 weeks payment due on first week

Parents need to stay if your child is young.

Register via Email

waihisquash@gmail.com or

Text Julia 0274828705

3:30 -4:15 Primary school children

4:15 -5:30 Intermediate/ College children

