



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



I am delighted with the way Waihi College is tracking this term. Students and staff are engaged in their learning and the majority of our students are working hard and getting the results they deserve.

Next week we host the **Education Review Office** who is coming to complete an external appraisal of the quality of education at Waihi College. I am looking forward to the visit as any recommendations for improvement will help us to guide future developments for the school. I am confident that ERO will find our great students and staff working hard to improve their achievement.

If you would like to meet with a Review Officer to share your views there is a Parents meeting scheduled for **3.30pm on Thursday 8th June**.

Matariki Celebrations: The combined Waihi Schools are continuing to support a variety of community event focusing on the theme 'Matariki'. Keep an eye out for:

- **16th June - Hikoi** to the Waihi town
- **28th June - Cultural Performance Concert** at the Waihi Memorial Hall, 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- **25th June - The DAWN VIEWING** at

Anzac Bay at 6am

4th July – Tapuwai Tournament.

"Community of Learning" The Waihi Schools are continuing to work towards identifying learning areas where our students are not performing as well as they could be (Writing/Reading/Mathematics/NCEA Level 2). We have collated the data which affirmed that our assumptions are correct and now we are designing a range of improvement strategies which if accepted by the MOE will form the basis for a change in how we go about addressing the concerns. So far we have only considered the views of the Education Sector and we are keen to get a broader perspective on the issues and will be holding opportunities for different groups from within our community to share their views and thoughts. Look out for these meetings over the next few months and feel free to contribute to the conversation. Our schools don't have all the answers and if we want to make a difference for all our students, especially those who are struggling, we need to share our views and do things differently. Watch this space!!!!

Also I send a special welcome to any new families who have recently arrived in our district. Welcome to Waihi and Waihi College. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any concerns.

Alistair Cochrane

The Wellington Arts Trip



Reminder: Friday 2nd June is a Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed for instruction.

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

COLLEGE NEWS

Wellington Arts Trip

WOW, 17 adults and 2 teachers all headed off early Wednesday morning 17th of May to catch a flight from Auckland airport. Straight after arriving in Wellington, we dropped our gear off at the YMCA and headed for Victoria University. We were fortunate enough to be given an Adams Art Gallery tour and some students stayed behind to have a tour of the University. That night we headed out for a Two for One dinner at Mama Browns, then the tired little campers headed back to the YMCA for sleepy time.

Thursday we were all up, had brekkie, packed lunches and then were off walking through a small blizzard (which we are told is just normal Wellington weather) to a tour of the Sea and Land Museum, which was awesome. We stopped for lunch and then off to Te Papa where the biggest highlight was the Gallipoli exhibition, so beautiful and heart wrenching.

When we went to the Weta Workshop the next day they explained how the gigantic models were made. A casting call was sent out throughout New Zealand to find people who looked like the soldiers, then a 3d image was made of their faces and then enlarged on a 3d printer. Wow they were amazing!!

It was a very busy day on Friday, we had the Auckland City Art Gallery with a Colin McCahon exhibition and after we were picked up by the Weta bus and taken to Miramar to Peter Jackson World. We were all able to see where the films outside special effects area is with a massive green scene built into the wall. After which we were all shown around the Weta Studio by a young guy whose both parents have worked for Weta his entire life as special effects artists. He said he'd been scared out of his wits while growing up, but he knew EVERYTHING about Weta.

Next we were dropped off at Parliament buildings and given a tour of the Architecture; I didn't know it was comprised of three buildings which was a real walk through history. The beautiful New Zealand artworks stood out throughout but it was good to see

more Maori carvings shown in the new buildings. Friday night we all went to the night markets for dinner, food from around the world, take your pick! Then we walked down to the wharf and saw the LUX light festival.

Saturday morning was a chance to revisit our favourites, many students went back to Te Papa and revisited the Gallipoli display. We also had a treasure hunt of local art galleries for our students to visit and get a feel for the culture of Wellington City. We had a great response from the students and it looks like this trip will be happening again in 2018, so if you missed don't worry!!

Levonne Dodunski

Tiki Tanne Trip



Last Friday Whaea Tuihana took her Te Reo students to see the Tiki Taane production in Hamilton. The show was absolutely stunning to watch with live music, aerial performance, contemporary dance, kapa haka, mau rakau and hip hop dance. Tiki Tanne played his soundtrack live with support from Shapeshifter's, Sam Trevethick. It was a great opportunity for the



students to hear Te Reo spoken in a theatre context.

Sarita Carroll

Pink Shirt Day



Last week was Bully-Free NZ Week. As a school we began teaching an anti bullying programme which initially concentrates on understanding the definition of bullying. We use the Bully Free NZ definition which says that bullying behaviour is deliberate and involves a power balance, is meant to be harmful and is usually repeated over time.

If cyberbullying occurs through text messages, contact your child's mobile phone company and ask them to take action. Phone companies have an agreement to liaise with each other and take action where appropriate. They can block numbers or disable an account.

On Friday last week staff and students demonstrated support for being bully free by wearing pink shirts.

Helpful websites for parents/ students are:

netsafe.org.nz

sticksnstones.co.nz

bullyfree.nz

Heather Tucker

Hauraki Plains Jazz Band



On Wednesday this week we were lucky to have the Hauraki Plains Jazz Band and Choir visit and perform for us.

COLLEGE SPORT

Year 7/8 Badminton

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 and 8 students that competed in our School Champs on Tuesday 9th May.

The results are as follows:

Year 7/8 Girls

Champion – **Arena Peka**
 Runner-up – **Zeta Schuler**

Year 7/8 Boys

Champion – **Sam Malone**
 Runner-up – **Aidon McKain**

Rippa Rugby

With 2 teams this year qualifying for the Thames Valley finals, Mr Smith and Mr Webb took the teams through to Paeroa on the 15th May. Both teams played well on the day, with our Year 8 team taking out the Year 7/8 title.

This team will now go on to the Waikato Champs which will be held on Friday 30th June. We wish them luck.



Team: **Aria Waite, Bless Tui, Hayley Morgan, Zeta Schuler, Aidon McKain, Arama Koopu, Kalarn Parata, CJ Smith, Cadyn Langeveld**

Congratulations to **Aidon McKain** for being chosen as team MVP for the tournament.

Cross Country

Well done to all of you that competed in the school cross country this year. It was great to see good numbers across the school.



Champions are:

Year 7 Girls

Champion – **Monika Vaughan**
 Runner-up – **Tyla Millar**

Year 7 Boys

Champion – **Matt Schuler**
 Runner-up – **Max Baker**

Year 8 Girls

Champion – **Aria Waite**
 Runner-up – **Zeta Schuler**

Year 8 Boys

Champion – **Aidon McKain**
 Runner-up – **Reegan Green**

Junior Girls

Champion – **Mia Morgan**
 Runner-up – **Charlotte Hutchins**

Junior Boys

Champion – **Ben Hennessy**
 Runner-up – **Joel Martin**

Intermediate Girls

Champion – **Tasmin Skinner**
 Runner-up – **Ivy Fawcett**

Intermediate Boys

Champion – **Samuel Bayes**
 Runner-up – **Jasper Olsen**

Senior Girls

Champion – **Elise Agdestein & Emily Croker**

Senior Boys

Champion – **Reece Kennedy**
 Runner-up – **Vincent Fransham**

WC Squash Champs

A smaller crowd than usual but some really good squash played across the day.

Congratulations to:

Girls Champion – **Renee Ranger**

Runner-up – **Kyjuan Gray**

3rd – **Brooklyn Seath**

Boys Champion – **Ryan Miller**

Runner-up – **Ryan Rogers**

3rd – **Jacob Drake**

Due to lack of entries in the Year 7/8 draw this will be held later in the year.

Girl Rugby Have a Go Day

Thames Valley put on a fantastic day introducing girls from Year 6-13 to the sport of rugby.

With some very special guests in



the form of Portia Woodman and Renee Wickcliffe, current Black Ferns, all the girls had lots of fun and learnt valuable skills which will hopefully lead us to play some games in the near future.

Thank you to Coach Ash Takimoana for taking the girls on the day.

Gymnastics



An excellent start to the season for Shilah Clothier placing 1st at the My Tauhara Gymnastics Competition after achieving a 2nd in beam and bar's.

Amazing Race

Congratulations!!! To our Te Arawa Amazing Race Team that took out 1st place in the Year 7/8 section at Mount Maunganui this year. This is the best placing we have ever had as a school.

Team: **Zeta Schuler, Matt Schuler, Madison Evetts-Jones, Lucy Walton, Divyash Swamy and Arama Koopu.**

School Squash Champs

Results were:

Boys – winner: **Ryan Miller**

r/up – **Ryan Rogers**

Girls – winner: **Renee Ranger**

r/up – **Kyjuan Gray**

A couple of teams will be entering the TV Tournament next week, then the Waikato Teams Tournament in June.

Remember – Monday afternoons is the junior squash programme with Mike Hill and A Grader and coach Tyler Ranger.

\$10 a term.

Primary school ages from 3pm.

Year 7-13 from 4-15pm.

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

ERO Sex Ed Survey

As a part of all nation wide ERO visits to high schools over Term Two and Three ERO are surveying 30 students. This will take place in week six. The 30 students will be randomly sampled and parents will have the ability to opt out. Please email Justin Harper if you have queries about this at justinh@waihicol.school.nz

New Zealand First Dual Courses

Waihi College proudly announces

Upcoming Events

June

2nd-5th	International Bay of Islands Trip
2nd	Drama Trip
2nd	Kaitao Y7/8 B/B Tournament
2nd	L2 Outdoor Ed Tramp
5th	Queens Birthday
6th-16th	ERO Visit
6th	WINTech Visit
7th	NZ Spelling Bee Comp
7th	Waik/BOP X Country Champs
9th-11th	40 Hour Famine
13th-16th	Inter-house Sports Week
13th-15th	Girls Self Defence—Y8
20th-21st	Girls Self Defence—Y8
14th	Senior Drama Trip
16th	Y7/8 Leadership - Sport Waikato
16th	Sth African Exchange starts
19th	BOT Meeting
19th-23rd	Y9/10 Hockey Week
19th	L3 O/Ed Risk Management
20th	Boulton Cup
21st	BOP Zone Y7/8 X Country
21st	Waikato Individual Squash
23rd	L1 O/Ed Mountain Biking
23rd	WBOP Snr Badminton Team Champs
26th-27th	Y11/12 Health & Safety Course
26th-29th	Year 10 Camp
27th	Waikato Squash Girls Team Champs
28th-29th	Y9-13 Badminton Champs
29th	Waikato Squash Boys Team Champs
29th	L1 O/Ed-Mountain Biking
30th	International Leavers Assembly

July

5th-14th	Rugnet Tour
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the beginning of two new 'Secondary/Tertiary' partnership courses. Utilising generous support from both the Hauraki District Council and OceanaGold Waihi College students will be able to study either a NZ Certificate in Apiculture (beekeeping) or a Certificate in Commercial Food Production.

Significant investment has been made into facilities at the Farm Unit and on Moresby Avenue (at OceanaGold's Offices). A full commercial kitchen, classroom and honey processing facilities have been established.

Tuition and qualifications are through Pacific Coast Tertiary Institute with equipment and tutors provided.

Waihi College will have the first secondary qualified Beekeepers in the country and will also be producing, marketing and distributing various chutney's and honey products.

These resources may enable 'night classes' for the wider community to learn about running their own bees.

Justin Harper

Spirit Days Extravaganza 2017 – End of Term 2



Spirit days is a tradition going back many years at Waihi College. A couple of days of dressing up and fun inter-house activities to finish the term. Lessons do continue but are a little shorter than usual and the activities happen during the first hour and last 2 hours of each day. One focus of the days is remembering Waihi College students and teachers that died too young – we celebrate life while being aware of their absence. Thursday is the fancy dress day where students dress



up as something beginning with a letter of a chosen word, this year the word the Year 13 students came up with is **EXTRAVAGANZA** – the first time the letters X and Z have featured! On Friday students show their House Colours. We are sure students will again get into the spirit of the days without misbehaving. Activities start on Wednesday afternoon July 5th with, amongst other things, the Teachers' Lip sync, and close on Friday afternoon with the usually far superior House Lip sync performances.

40 Hour Famine

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is happening at Waihi College June 8-9th. Students are raising funds to support the building of child-friendly spaces for Syrian refugees. **Fundraising this year will occur completely online** – students have vouchers to hand out with this information on it, so you can still support them without having cash on hand. Please email Year 7 & 8 Syndicate Leader Melissa Watt (melissaw@waihicol.school.nz) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!



Waihi Family Dental Centre at 6 School Lane, Waihi, provides **FREE** dental treatment for Year 9 to Year 13 students. To make an appointment or for any further information please phone 863 7272 or call into the Surgery. **For all 17 year olds, ensure you see us before you turn 18 for your LAST FREE dental treatment.**