



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatao
 Term One finished in interesting fashion with the pending arrival of Cyclone Cook. Collectively all the locals schools decided that in the best interests of student and staff safety schools would be closed on the final Thursday of Term. Whilst Cyclone Cook did not have the anticipated impact on our particular district it was with the Ministry of Educations approval that schools were closed for the day. I hope you all stayed safe during those times.

We also decided to evacuate the students from the **Year 9 Camp** at Bowentown early. It was decided to bring the students home early because of the potential threat of cyclone Cooks arrival. Whilst the conditions were unpleasant the students were not in any danger and I thank all those staff and parents who helped to get the students back to school and ultimately home to whanau.

Term Two is now underway and today's cold snap has reminded us that winter is just around the corner. The joys of Terms two and three are the winter sports our students get involved in. I look forward to seeing you on the sideline supporting our students.

Always play to win but PLAY FAIR.

- **A good player is:**
 - Always looking to improve their skills.
 - More interested in improving the team than the result.
 - A humble winner and a gracious loser.
 - Respectful of the referee or umpire.

- **A good spectator is:**
 - Always positive, supportive and encouraging.
 - Respectful of the opposition and their supporters.
 - Recognizing of skill and talent regardless of which team displays it.

Term Two is also about getting on with the core understanding and learnings within every subject that students are studying. Attendance at every class with all the right equipment and attitudes will significantly advance your chances of success. "Don't procrastinate".

The Education Review Office ERO (June 6-16) will be reviewing our school this term. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with the reviews to discuss our performance. I encourage you to share your views. Look out for the meeting dates and times.

Alistair Cochrane

Year 9 Camp—Bowentown



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

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 9 Camp - Bowentown

Cyclone Cook brought our Year 9 Camp to an abrupt end after a decision was made to evacuate the Bowentown Holiday Camp early on Day 3 of our four day camp in the last week of Term 1. Following the evacuation of the Year 8 camp only three weeks earlier, the decision was not made lightly. However the severe weather warnings and notification by Civil Defense of local schools closing and preparation for evacuations of beach front properties was enough to make the call.



Despite the early return our Year 9 students completed nearly all of the planned activities which included dune planting, raft building, orienteering, surfing, camp craft, and adventure based learning activities.



Special thanks to the Year 12 Camp Leaders who worked hard to build and maintain positive team bonds which is one of the key outcomes of Year 9 camps. A new addition to this year's camp was a powhiri at Otawhiwhi Marae which was a great way for us to begin our camp at Bowentown. Thank you Otawhiwhi!

The surf programme is always a hit and it was great that Waihi Beach

Surf School were able to come down and find a safe surf zone to meet the broad range of abilities of our students.

Finally congratulations to all the Year 9 students who met challenges head on, got on with what they needed to do, learnt new skills, met new people, overcame hurdles that were put in front of them and set and achieved personal and team goals; and with a smile. It is these attitudes and approaches to learning that we hope you can hold on to for the rest of 2017.

David Tait

Talent Quest Results

A big thank you goes to Jen Twidle, Jo Howell and Anthony Burne for Judging the Talent Quest.

Juniors

1st - **Lily North and Madison Evetts-Jones**

2nd - **Brylee Pullen and Tasmin Skinner**



Seniors

1st - **Kristian Dillon**

2nd - **Sharn Wiltshire**



Careers Notice Board

Important events in May are:

12th WINTEC Open Day

19th Waikato Uni Open Day

26th Toi Ohomai—Open Day

Its really important that students who are seriously considering studying next year at Tertiary Institutions attend an appropriate Open Day and gain insights into what it is like to be a student, courses offered, study and aspects of student life.

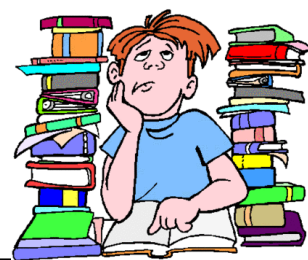
Tertiary Institutions visits to College:

17th Auckland Uni—10.15am

25th AUT

31st Lincoln UNI

Students going off to study elsewhere next year should be actively looking at scholarships available through the institution they are thinking of studying at and also using the Waihi College website: whats going on—careers—fund view—giv me, to apply for appropriate scholarships to fund their studies.



COLLEGE SPORT

Thames Valley Tennis

Congratulations to all that competed at the TV Tennis Champs in Paeroa on the 5th April. Results were:

Junior Girls Singles Runner-up – **Haille Strange**

Junior Girls Doubles Winners – **Nariah McGee & Tai Schill**

Intermediate Girls Singles Runner-up – **Michaela Malone**

Senior Girls Singles Winner – **Joana Michaelis**

Senior Boys Singles Runner-up – **Ryan Miller**

Senior Girls Doubles Runners-up – **Kelli Purcell & Gerke Feindt**

Big thanks to Rodney Malone and Niccola Strange for managing on the day.

BOP Swimming

What a fantastic day of swimming by our young athletes. Thank you to all of the parents that helped on the day. Results were:

Waihi College as a team placed 4th! The best I have ever seen. Beating Katikati (which is always nice) in the individual rankings, **Lillie Tai** placed 4th in the Year 7 girls, **Noah Harris** 5th in the Year 7 boys, and **Zeta Schuler** 5th in the Year 8 girls.

Placings:

Lillie Tai

2nd 100m breast

2nd 50m breast

4th 100m IM

Zeta Schuler

4th 100m breast

4th 100m back

Matt Schuler

2nd 100m breast

2nd 50m breast

Aria Waite

2nd 50m free

4th 100m free

Noah Harries

3rd 100m back

3rd 100m free

4th 100m IM

3rd Girls 100m freestyle relay –

Paris Dixon, Lucy Walton, Jade Waite, Ciara Hennessy

4th School relay – **Lillie Tai, Zeta Schuler, Matt Schuler, Aidon McKain.**

Inline Hockey Update

With athletes playing for both the Waihi Miners and the Hamilton

Devils Clubs it certainly is hard to keep track of all the success of these young achievers.

Congratulations

Katie Lovell 18U Women/Senior Womens

Jamie Mudford 18U Women (reserve)

Nick Barakat 18U Men

Who have been selected to play for New Zealand in the FIRS World Champions for Inline Hockey playing in China in Aug/Sept. Outstanding achievement.

Also to **Jamie Mudford** 14U Jnr Women, **Bree Heays** 12U, **Matt Barakat** 12U, **Nikita Torrens** 14U



Junior Women who played for NZ at Oceania Inline Hockey Championships this week.

The athletes have also had great results at the 2017 Mt Wellington Inline Hockey Invitational Tournament.

1st Place U16 Hamilton Devils: **Bradley Rickard, Katie Lovell and Jaiden Pert.** Jaiden also received 2017 U16 Most Valuable Goalie.

Also great results for **Nikita and Connor Torrens** with both their teams coming 1st in the Mt Wellington Inline Hockey Tournament over Easter.

Basketball Update

Congratulations to **Maddisen Davison** who was selected to attend the New Zealand Girls Under 14 National Training Programme in Rotorua over the holidays. We wish you all the best for getting in the NZ team.

The following students were selected to represent either the Tauranga or Thames Valley regionals and played in the Mel Young tournament over Easter weekend.

U13—**Jade Waite, Te Wai Howie,**

Emily Davison, Hayley Morgan

U14—**Rian Butler**

U15—**Maddisen Davison, Aria**

Waite (n/a), Taine Atger, Riley

East

U16—**Rayden Milanesi, Aidan**

Roycroft



U17—**Dylan Bellamy, Alex East**

U19—**Blake Atger**

Congratulations to **Riley East** and her Thames Valley team on winning



the U15B grade at the Mel Young Easter Tournament.

NZ Interprovincial Championships

Congratulations to **Aria and Zeta.**

Final athletics competition of the season, representing in the Waikato BOP team at the NZ Interprovincial Championships in Masterton.

Competition is team based with athletes from all province's in NZ competing for overall supremacy. Awesome opportunity to get to know each other on a different level. Excellent results from these amazing athletes.

Aria ran a PB in the 400m to place 4th and placed 11th in both the 100m and 200m.

Year 7/8 Badminton Championships

Next Tuesday 9th May at lunchtime in the gym. Sign up is outside Rachael's office until Friday.

COLLEGE NEWS AND SPORT

NZSS Championships

Congratulations to our wrestlers that competed at the recent championships.

Reef Ainsley won gold in the 56kg cadet class.

Eddie Beetham placed 4th in the 54kg Y9/10 division.

Sam Harrison won Gold in the 54kg Senior (Y11-13) division. Sam will be travelling to Australia this Friday to compete in the Australian National Champs. We wish him luck.

Navigators Training

Squad: Under 11 & 13s

Year of Birth: 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008

Day & Venue: Thursday, Event

Wrestling

Centre
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Dates: May 25, June 1,
8, 15, 22, 29 & July 6.
Cost: \$50.00

Contact:
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Rachael Hall

Mighty Pucks

Level 2
Starts Wednesday 10th
May 4:00-5:30 @ Event
Centre

BYO Socks, Helmet &
Drink

\$20 Per Person - Register on Day

Learn To Skate & Play Inline
Hockey Programme



Squash Opportunities

1 – Adult Beginner Squash skills – text 027 482 8705 Julia
2. Junior 1 day series for all kids. \$10 entry. One day only. Sunday 21st. Enter 027 689 7429 (Dot) or Julia (number above)

3. Business House squash for beginners and experienced squashes. Starts Friday 5th May for 4 weeks. Roll up at 5-30 as an individual \$10 or with a team \$40. Racquets provided.

4. Adult Beginner Coaching sessions – contact Mike 863 8551 or email mike-andy@xtra.co.nz



Student Centre Cell Phone Number

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Student Centre phone number has **reverted back to the previous number: 021 830 055.**

Parents please use this number for absentees etc.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



Past and present Waihi students of Waihi College in the Waihi Drama Society Show, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Sell out show, fabulous set, costumes and make up plus an amazing cast of actors. A joy to watch.

Photos - XPLORE Pottery



Upcoming Events

May

4th	TV Bowls Champs
8th-9th	Outdoor Ed First Aid
9th	Paradox Festival Trip
9th	Year 7/8 Badminton
10th	Rippa Rugby Tournament
15th-17th	L3 Geo Trip to Rotorua
15th	BOT Meeting
15th	Rippa Rugby Finals
16th-18th	Y8 Girls Self Defence
17th-19th	Art Tours
17th	Y7/8 BOP Amazing Race
18th	L2 Physics to Rainbows End
18th	Waikato Clinical School Visit
19th	Waikato Uni Open Day
19th	WBOP Year 7/8 Badminton Team Champs
23rd-24th	Y8 Girls self Defence
24th	Cross Country
25th	WC Cross Country
25th	WC Squash Champs
26th	Tikitaane Trip
26th	Toi Ohomai Open Day
29th	WBOP Junior Badminton Team Champs
31st	HPC Music Tour
31st	TV Cross Country Champs
31st	Lincoln University Visit

June

1st-2nd	L2 Outdoor Ed Tramp
2nd	Drama Trip
2nd	Kaitao Y7/8 B/B Tournament