



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



NCEA exams are rapidly approaching with most students starting their external exams towards the end of next week. To help students stay focussed, only those students who can prove to us that they are on track to achieve NCEA will get the privilege to go on study leave. Those students who remain at school will work with their teachers to hopefully gain the necessary credits. Please encourage your students to make the best use of their time. (Exam timetable will come out with the reports.)

On Monday we celebrated the cultural achievements of our students at the **Cultural Awards Evening**. It was an evening filled with high quality music, dramatic performance and fine art. Congratulations to all those nominated and the winners on the night. Special congratulations to **Rachael Midwinter** who received the Supreme Award. A similar evening is on tonight to recognize the achievement of our elite sports people.

To all those students **not returning to Waihi College** next year I hope that your journey through life is rewarding and positively exciting. Remember that you have become part of our school and our community, you have helped to build our Turangawaewae (Our place to stand) so we look forward to your return, to catching up and sharing your journey. Kia kaha (Stand tall and be proud)

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to come along to school on Monday afternoon next week to see the outstanding work our Year 7 and 8 learners have produced from their Science Fair.

A reminder to parents that the **End of Year Junior Prize Giving's**, are scheduled as follows:

**Year 9 and 10 Prize Giving 1.45pm
Monday 11 December**

(Y9/10 students are not required at school on Tuesday.)

**Year 7 and 8 Prize Giving 9.30am
Tuesday 12 December**

(Buses will run at approximately 11.15am.)
Alistair Cochrane

Cultural Awards Evening



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

Waihi College – He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!
What is the greatest thing of the world? People, People, People.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cultural Awards Evening

On Monday night we held our Cultural Awards Evening with a great turnout of friends and families.



Our Student Leaders greeted guests on arrival while Troupe Waihi entertained.

Ms Fitzgerald and her hospitality class worked hard all day to provide nibbles and drinks - Thank you. Nyah Frew and Lachlan Burne did a fantastic job hosting the event, they should feel very proud!



Our students in Music, Drama and Kapa Haka wowed us all evening with their stunning performances, so a huge congratulations goes to you all for making the event a very special one.

Sarita Carroll

Where Pukewa Once Stood...

Our Year 10's are currently learning about Geology; in particular,

earthquakes, volcanoes, types of rocks, weathering and erosion. As part of this topic we are learning about how there came to be gold in the ground under Waihi and explaining some of the changing geological features of Waihi, namely the Martha Mine Pit.



Earlier this week, 10KM headed to the Martha Mine Education Centre where we were kitted out with the appropriate PPE gear and then were led by Phil Salmon to a viewing point, inside the security gates of the mine. A local geologist, Thomas Gardner, told us about the geological history of Waihi and introduced us to different types of rocks found in Waihi. He also shared a little about what his job involves. Phil shared some stories and the student's asked some great questions.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the Waihi area and learn about Geology outside the walls of the classroom.

Casey Davies

The Catering Crew

Well done to the following students who catered at the recent Arty Bra Fundraiser for Waihi St John's new Ambulance Station; Connor Pascoe, Kayla Seath, Roxy Taylor, Kelli Purcell, Celtic Raethel, Teagan McGee, Liam Skinner, Jan Scharf, Zoe Titoki, and Tia Pio.



A special mention must also go to Tereana Delamere and Wikitoria Rawiri for all the prep they did for Ms Fitzgerald before hand.



Open Afternoon

Year 7 & 8 students in Tainui and Te Arawa waka have been working very hard on their science projects since Week 9 in Term 3. This is an accumulation of their learning in not only science, but reading and research, maths, oral language, written language and presentation skills. There are some impressive presentations and we would like to invite you, as friends and whanau, to come and see what the students have been working on!

**When: Monday 6th November
1pm - 5:30pm**

Where: Waihi College Hall

See you there!

Melissa Watt

Junior Debate Finals

The debating season finished with some incredibly close and hard fought finals. We were treated to great teamwork, thoroughly researched arguments and very quick thinking. Congratulations to everyone that competed - you were all amazing!

The winners for 2017 are:-

9BW: Tia Rolleston, Jared Lee, Sarah Keall and Ben Hennessy.

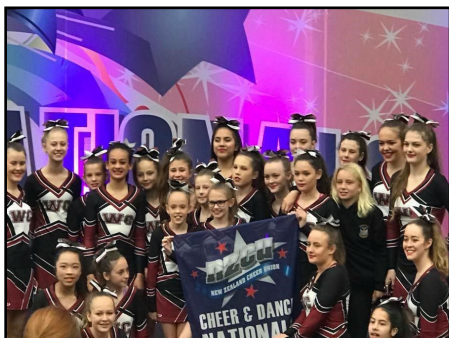
10KM: Tamsin Skinner, Winnie Choi, Zoe Cash and Jackson Pool.

Jacqui Barrow



COLLEGE SPORT

GOLD for our Cheerleaders in Wellington at the Cheerleading Nationals



Congratulations girls on all your hard work throughout the year! Big thank you to our coaches Alyssa Thurston and Rachelle Hall for all of your help and to all of the parent support in Wellington and in 2017. Great year everyone!

Year 7/8 Tennis

A good number of entries for this years event, with a lot of students out to get house points.

Girls Champion - Kiana Akuhata

Runner-up - Lily North

3rd - Elyssa Roycroft

Boys Champion - Arama Koopu

Runner-up - Dylan Steele

3rd - Matt Schuler

Sports Prize Giving Results MG Cup

The MG Hall Cup was donated by Mike Hall's family after his passing in 2011. This cup is awarded to an athlete with a disability that has made an outstanding effort in sport.

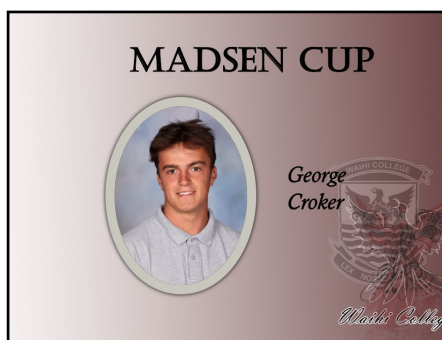


This year Sherina Hodge is the recipient of the Mike Hall Cup. Sherina has been a member of our Memphis Centre Special Olympics team for 7 years. Every year she has competed in swimming, soccer, tenpin bowling and athletics events.

Sherina has always been a fair player, tries her best and has at times had to help carry a very exhausted team through to a games end. She never gives up and is always a friendly opponent. Sherina, you are setting a great example to our younger team members that sports is fun and that we always try our best. Our Special Olympics motto is "Let me win but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt" Congratulations Sherina.

The Madsen Cup

The Madsen Cup is awarded to the Rugby Player you would like to stand beside you in the trenches, that you would be happy to fight alongside in war, knowing they would have your back.



The 2017 winner of the Madsen Cup is George Croker.

Fair Play

Fair play is something that Waihi College prides itself on. Playing hard but fair is an important part of good sportsmanship and a valuable tool to take into adulthood. It is awarded to the people our juniors can look up to and aspire to be like and is a great legacy to the recipient.



Waihi College Fair Player of the Year Award goes to Marino Magee.

Service to Sport

By the time some of our Year 13 Students are ready to leave school the amount they have done for their chosen sporting code and growth of both themselves and others is immense. Many of this years Year 13's could say they have done this, and we thank them for their service. This years award goes to someone who has been involved with sport and events throughout her school life. Always giving 100% and mentoring younger students and athletes along the way.



This year the award goes to Monique Kerr.

The Multi-Discipline Cup

The Multi-Discipline Cup is given to the sportsperson who has competed in the most sports/events for our school in 2017. This year we had a large number of athletes that have competed in up to 4 codes for the school. The following two students have both competed in 5 this year and this has been consistent over their years at Waihi College.



The Multi-discipline Cup goes to Reece Kennedy and Gemma Walker.

Reece has represented the school at Rugby, Swimming, Cross Country, and Triathlon.

Gemma in Netball, Swimming, Touch Rugby, Triathlon and Volleyball.

Rachael Hall

COLLEGE NEWS, SPORT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

International Day for the Older Person

On 19th October, the students from Mr Wells Year 8 class performed at the Memorial Hall in support of International Day for the Older Person. Well done for Stepping it Up!



Thanks also go to the Senior Geo Students for serving the food.



The Big Waihi Clean Up



These students (plus others from the community) spent the morning at Gilmour Lake helping with the clean up of the park and track.

Waihi College International

Waihi College International is recruiting new host families.



International students are an important part of Waihi College and our wider Waihi community. Every year international students join us from all over the world. If you have ever considered hosting an international student, or if you have hosted in the past and would like to host again, now is the time to get in touch. For

more information please e-mail: lisan@waihicol.school.nz or phone 027 351 2436. Host family payments apply.

More Sporting Acknowledgements

TENNIS CHAMPIONS



Intermediate Girl
Michaela Malone



Intermediate Boy
Jasper Olson



Senior Girl
Joanna Michaelis



Senior Boy
Ryan Miller

SQUASH & BADMINTON CHAMPIONS



Open Girls Squash
Renee Ranger



Open Boys Squash
Ryan Miller



Senior Girls Badminton
Keliann Callesen



Senior Boys Badminton
Royce Mervin

TRIATHLON CHAMPIONS



Intermediate Girl
Gemma Walker



Intermediate Boy
Liam Roberts



Senior Girl
Emily Croker



Senior Boy
Ross Kennedy

Upcoming Events

November

- 3rd Community Calf Club Day
- 6th Year 7 & 8 Science Fair
- 7th Primary Cluster Athletics Day
- 7th TV Year 7 & 8 Tennis
- 8th W/C Year 7 & 8 Athletics
- 9th-1st NCEA Exams
- 9th BOP Year 7 & 8 Volleyball Tournament
- 13th Inter White Island Trip
- 15th TV Year 9 & 10 Volleyball
- 20th-21st Inter Farm Camp
- 20th BOT Meeting
- 21st TV Jnr 3x3 B/B Champs
- 22nd BOP Y7 & 8 Zone Athletics
- 23rd International Hobbiton Visit
- 27th-30th Inter Tongariro Crossing
- 29th Documents day
- 30th Senior Academic Prize Giving

December

- 1st-3rd NZSS Athletics Champs
- 4th-8th Inter Cycling Camp
- 5th-6th Interschool Debating

GO Waihi
waihi.org.nz

WELCOME TO THE RAINBOW

Rocket (Victoria) Park 11am - 1pm Saturday 28 October

WICKED FUN
and HEAPS OF SPOT PRIZES
FROM RAINBOWS END, GOLDFIELDS
RAILWAY, GOLD DISCOVERY CENTRE,
SPIRES, BRICKS AND MODELS
AND RESENE

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