



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Waihi College is about to embark on an exciting new development with the establishment of a **Maori Immersion Unit** to start 2018. Thursday (Tonight) evening at 5.30pm in the new classroom block, Waka Te Arawa will be a **Hui** to hear about what we have planned and for us to hear your views and suggestions. If you can't make it but would like to make comments please feel free to email me principal@waihicol.school.nz

By the time you read this there will be only 5 school days before our end of year **Internal Practice Exams (September 15th – 20th)** and 28 school days before the **External NCEA Exams. (November 9th– December 2nd)**. If you haven't already it's now time to set your priorities firmly on preparing for and achieving a qualification. Put aside some of the extra things you do and focus on your studies. I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity.

This week a number of our sports teams

have been away at the National Secondary School Sports Tournaments which are being hosted at different venues. It is always an honour to represent our school and I applaud the commitment these young people, staff and parents have made to prepare and compete against the best our country has to offer. Regardless of the results be proud and stand tall as our role models. Kia kaha!! I am always proud of the way our Waihi students perform with passion, pride and skill. (Sometimes against the odds.)

Good luck to our Year 7/8 students who head off to the Aims Games in Tauranga next week. Yes you can wear your team hoodies to school on Friday this week. Always play to win, play with passion and commitment but do it with style and grace. Be the best you can be. Stand Tall and Be Proud. Kia Kaha.

I am delighted that the 'big shiny thing' has returned to our skies and spring has arrived. Hopefully the ills of winter are chased away by the sun that is warming our backs.

Alistair Cochrane

Shave for a Cure



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

COLLEGE NEWS

Shave for a Cure



Last week was a massive week for fundraising here at the College. We had the Shave for a Cure night where 24 students shaved and raised money for Leukaemia Blood Cancer New Zealand. LBC is the national charity dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with a blood cancer or a related blood condition. LBC receives no government funding. Our 24 students raised a total of \$4,736.00. A big thank you goes to our Student Leaders, Caitlyn Sharpe and Lachlan Burne for organising and hosting a wonderful and fun event. Thank you also goes to our hairdressers, Katie Pavletich and Lisa Vaughan for their expertise, Jason Ulrich for his photography, and our music students who performed songs for us during the evening.

Daffodil Day

The next day we held a mufti for the students and a morning tea for the teachers. \$900.00 was raised which will go to the Cancer Society. Thank you to all the students and teachers who supported these events.



Daffodil Day

The Memphis Centre students have been raising money for Daffodil Day for the past 10 years. Every year they bake and make crafts to sell on the ANZ stall. To date, they have raised over \$1000.00 for the Cancer Society. We always enjoy viewing their beautiful art that hangs on the walls in the Foyer. At



the moment we are enjoying their 3D daffodil paper art, made especially for Daffodil Day this year.

MP Visit

On Tuesday 5th September, Labour MP Trevor Mallard and Labour



Coromandel candidate Nathaniel Blomfield spent some time with the Year 7 and 8 students. They talked about what it's like to be an MP, what parliament is really like, and students had the opportunity to ask questions about various policies

they've been studying. The students are very aware of the issues this election and wish they could vote! Are YOU registered?

Melissa Watt

Visit from Bradley Davids - Representative from World Vision

We recently had Brad visit and personally thank our amazing students who took part in this year's 40 hour famine. Brad was very impressed with our 40 students raising a total of **\$2,412.00**. All money raised goes to World Vision so they can help the children of Syria where they are currently providing safe, supportive places where kids have access to the arts, sports, education and counselling so they can start to recover from the trauma of war and be given the chance to be kids again.

Sarita Carroll

Bay of Plenty Chess Tournament



In Week 3 we had two teams represent Waihi College at this year's NZCF B.O.P Chess Tournament where they played 6 rounds of chess against other schools.



We had a Year 7 and 8 Intermediate Team and a Senior Team. All students had wins and had a great time!

Sarita Carroll

COLLEGE SPORT

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Shilah Clothier who has made the Bay of Plenty team for the Nationals! This means she's in the top four gymnasts for her step in BOP! She'll be off to Nelson in October to compete against the best from around New Zealand, such a fantastic achievement for her!



Shilah will also be at the Nationals in October with our Cheerleaders. She's going to have a busy month!

Girls 1st XI Football



A fantastic day in the sun for our 1st XI Girls, winning all of their games to take out the trophy for TV Champions! Congratulations!

Netball Years 7 and 8a



Well done to our Year 7 and 8a Netball teams that were runners up at the Whangamata Netball Tournament.

Basketball

Congratulations to all our Year 7 and 8 Basketball teams.



The A Girls won a Silver medal in the A Grade and the Development Girls won silver in the B Grade.



Also a Bronze for our A Boys in the A Grade. Great season!

Roller Sports Champs

Katie Lovell and team placed 3rd in the world in the FIRS Roller Sports Championships in China bringing home a bronze medal. It's only the 2nd time in history that a team from NZ has brought home a medal from this championship. Congratulations!



1st XI Football Boys



Well done to our 1st XI Boys Football team who placed 3rd at the Thames Valley Championships after an unlucky loss to Thames in the first round.

Rachael Hall

Tough Guy and Girl Challenge



On Friday 25th August the Level 2 Sports Education class travelled to Lakes Ranch in Rotorua to participate in the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge. This was a 6km mud run through obstacles such as cargo nets, electric and barbed wire fences, tunnels, hurdles, muddy



streams and a very cold lake. Everyone who participated did an amazing job and deserved a hot swim afterwards. Hiroto and Jake were lucky enough to pick up a spot prize at the end! *-Hannah Gifford*



Waihi College thanks Gold FM 96.4 for their support of our students.

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Student Centre Cell Phone Number

The Student Centre phone number for parents to phone or text in their student absentees etc is: **021 830 055**. Please use this number.

Uniform

The Board of Trustees have reviewed the responses of parents/students/teachers to the recent survey questions relating to the uniform and have made the following changes:

Shoes: Flat, plain, black on black shoes (any material), or flat, plain, black sandals.

Jewellery: Wristwatch, studs or sleepers (may have more than one set), one necklace (to be worn inside the shirt), one small ring.

Make up: Subtle make up is acceptable, Yr 13's may wear nail polish.

Piercing and Tattoos: no facial piercing or visible tattoos. Any exemption to this needs BOT approval

Hats: Students may wear -Waihi College caps/hats or predominately black caps/hats during interval/lunch and outdoor activities. Plain black beanies can be worn during interval and outdoor activities.

I would also like to remind parents that as from the beginning of 2018

the phase out period for the old uniform will have finished and all students are required to be in the new uniform for the start of school.

Heather Tucker



Rainbows End Night Frights

Rides at night and Live Entertainment every Saturday from 6-11pm from the 30th September to 28th October.

Terror Paradise—Walk Through Zombie Attraction

J Geeks—Performing Live on Stage

For more information visit:

www.rainbowsend.co.nz



Scout Leaders Needed

The Waihi Scout Group are in desperate need of people to help out and become Leaders. If you can help or wish to find out more please phone Paul Boggiss on 027 463 8878.

Upcoming Events

September

- 10th-15th Aims Games
- 10th-11th L1 O/D Ed Tramp
- 11th-13th Maori Language Week
- 12th-13th L3 Overnight Tramp
- 12th Waikato Uni Planning Day
- 14th Year 10 Conference
- 15th-20th Senior School Exams
- 18th BOT Meeting
- 19th MCAT Externals
- 21st-22nd L2 Outdoor Ed
- 23rd-24th International Trip
- 26th SADD Adventure Race
- 27th L2 O/D Ed Mt Biking
- 27th TV Snr Volleyball Champs
- 28th-29th L1 O/D Ed Tramp/Camp
- 29th Japan Exchange Departs
- 29th End of Term 3

October

- 16th Start of Term 4

