



# Waihi College Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The weeks seem to be rushing by and already we are half way through Term One!! with events such as Swimming, Athletics, Triathlon, Fieldtrips, Powhiri and Kapahaka to name but a few, it has been an exciting start to the year. Success happens when our lives are in order and the focus is on our priorities. I am always astonished at how the busiest people seem to enjoy school life the most and achieve great results.

### Get involved and give it your best!

Please be aware that we are endeavouring to communicate more using online platforms so lookout for:

- Your monthly newsletter by email
- Real time progress reports via the parent portal
- General and sporting news via the school facebook and Instagram pages.

Links to these sites can be found on the school website (See the back page).

It was also great to see that **Amaranth** House has stroked its way to the Y9-13 **Swimming Sports** championship. Congratulations to all the champions and record breakers; you should be proud of yourselves. Your performances will be remembered. As a result of our swimming sports a group representing Waihi College

headed off to the Thames Valley Swimming Championships on Monday and performed with distinction. Competing against the best tests not only your technique but also your strategy and competitive preparation. Well done to all concerned. (See the sports page for results)

The **Athletic Sports** last Wednesday was also a great day of colour and physical prowess. Students displayed their skills and talents with 3 record performances and numerous closely contested events. Congratulations to **Royal** House for their win, just 1 point ahead of Amaranth with Empire a further one point back. Wonderful competition.

(See the sports page for results)

Good luck to all those students who go on to represent Waihi College and the Waihi Community at Thames Valley and Waikato level. *You can only compare your own development when you are competing against the best.*

You may have heard in the media that the teachers are threatening to take strike action as a result of unsettled conditions of employment negotiations. The Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) are talking about Wednesday April 3 as the potential "Strike" day. I will keep you informed once it is confirmed.

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Senior Athletics Day



This newsletter can be found on the College Website—[www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Arts and Services

We've had a great start to the year with students already busy in the Arts and Services.

Valentines Day was a big success with the handmade cards and cupcakes raising around \$500.00 for The Heart Foundation.

We proudly watched Amaru Donaldson on the telly compete with his Tauranga team in Te Matatini – it was a fantastic performance and so cool to see someone we know on TV!

Mr Jeff Cochran, our new media teacher is doing a class project with his juniors for the upcoming Film Fest, with the theme being 'Focus on Ability' – keep an eye out for the finished product later in the year.

We have a bus load of lucky students going to the Pop Up Globe in Auckland to see Hamlet for a true Shakespearean experience with Mr Devery and Mr Wallis this week.

We are hoping to have some students involved in Beach Hop this year too, selling art and photography with Mrs Dodunski, food with Ms Fitzgerald and giving away Boomerang Bags with Mrs Hill. Look out for us there and pop along to our stall which will be colourful, creative and delicious.

Student Screech, our student newsletter, is back up and running with a great team working on a variety of articles – all led by Holly Elson-Fisher our Academic Leader for 2019. Some articles will go on to be published in the Leader, so keep an eye out for those. We are looking to have a regular piece in the Leader with what's happening and what's coming up, so keep an eye out and any feedback is appreciated.

Mr Cochran will be joined by students from time to time for his Gold FM time slot on Thursday mornings – giving a student perspective on Waihi College happenings.

Mrs Dodunski is taking around 17 students to Wellington later in the year for her yearly Arts trip. They will experience a trip to Weta, Te Papa, Victoria University, see a play and visit local galleries. What a cool experience for our kids!

Mr Henare has hit the ground

running in the music department. We have a lot of enthusiastic kids who are now



joining the choir, doing voice training and even more carrying on with the itinerant music lessons of guitar, keyboard and some woodwind. We are still working out grouping, and will put out permanent timetables so the kids know what day and time the lessons will be. For now, we will continue to send runners as and when.

Mr Redwood's kids are working on their App ideas and are currently training in the coding environment, making sprites bounce around their phone screens.

We had some students go to Tauranga Boys College to enter the Bay of Plenty Regional Debating Championships over the weekend with Mrs Barrow. It was a great experience and they loved watching all the teams compete.

We have a huge Kapa Haka group who are sounding more and more amazing as the time passes. Mr



Henare is now heavily involved and is lending his vocal expertise - he said the talent blows him away and we should all be very proud!

Our Year 13 students have started with their Cultural, Service, Sports and Academic initiatives for the year – all with the aim to get students involved in projects offered at the school and within the community. So far we have had a colouring in competition, choir and of course the Valentine's Day fund

raising.

Our Leo's club has lots of new members and has some great projects for the year, and we are still taking more joiners for our Keep Waihi Beautiful committee too. If you are interested, please contact Head Girl, Amy Magyar or myself to find out more.

We had a real treat with a visit from a Michelin listed chef a few weeks ago for Super Tuesday with Ms Fitzgerald. Dominic and his assistant Janine, who are both from Germany and visiting NZ for a year, whipped up four specular meals using many different techniques showing different flavours, textures, foams, smoking, terrines, confit and sous vide.

Troupe is back up and running for the year, which a huge team of kids all looking forward to their first gig. First up is in Hamilton later this month with Waikato Creative. Mr Devery will be taking them over and showing them how much fun you can have, and much money you can earn making people laugh!

Thanks guys, I'll have more news next month...

*Wendy Shave*

*Arts & Services Coordinator*

### Gateway and Trades Update

This year we have 18 students attending Wintec courses in Kopu over 3 days.

These courses are in Manufacturing and Technology, Construction and Infrastructure, Automotive Engineering and Building.

We have 8 students participating in



Apiculture (Bees) up at the Farm Unit.

Also 42 students currently out on work placement on Super Tuesdays.

A big thank you to all of our local businesses for supporting this.

*Rachael Hall*



## COLLEGE SPORT

### Waihi College Tennis

A great day for the Tennis Champs on the 13th February. Congratulations to all that participated.

#### Tennis Champions:

##### Junior Girls

Champion - Hayley Morgan  
Runner-up - Te Wai Howie

##### Junior Boys

Champion - Jackson Walker  
Runner-up - CJ Smith

##### Intermediate Girls

Champion - Haille Strange  
Runner-up - Elizabeth Mercer

##### Intermediate Boys

Champion - Koran Dillimore

##### Senior Girls

Champion - Michaela Malone  
Runner-up - Wikitoria Rawiri

##### Senior Boys

Champion - Jasper Olson  
Runner-up - Royce Mercer

### TV Tennis

A small team headed off to TV Tennis in Paeroa on the 19<sup>th</sup> February. Fantastic results by all.

#### Jnr Boys Singles (A)

Fourth – Jackson Walker (Waihi)

#### Jnr Boys Singles (B)

Third – Aidon McKain (Waihi)

Fourth – CJ Smith (Waihi)

#### Int Girls Singles

First – Haille Strange (Waihi)

#### Snr Girls Singles

First – Michaela Malone (Waihi)

#### Jnr Boys Doubles

Third – CJ (W) and Aidon (W)

#### Int and Snr combined Doubles Girls

First – Haille (W) and Charlotte (H)



### Waihi College Swimming

#### Girls Swimming Records Tumble in 2019....

**Junior Girls Freestyle Relay** - EMPIRE (2003)

#### Junior Girls

Lillie Tai

- 2L Breaststroke (1980)

- 3L Breaststroke (2002)

#### Intermediate Girls

Kati Vollbrandt

- 2L Backstroke (2013)

#### Senior Girls

Anna Paesano

- 1L Freestyle

- 3L Freestyle

- 1L Backstroke

- 2L Backstroke (2002)

Congratulations to you all!

### Year 9-13 Swimming

#### Champions

##### Junior Girls

Champion - Lillie Tai (A) 25pts

Runner-up - Lucy Walton (E) 11pts

##### Junior Boys

Champion - Isitolo Hiliate (E) 27pts

Runner-up - Zach Pullen (A) 15pts

##### Intermediate Girls

Champion - Kati Vollbrandt (A)

24pts

Runner-up - Zeta Schuler (D) 22pts

##### Intermediate Boys

Champion - Jared Lee (A) 24pts

Runner-up - Aidon McKain (D)

20pts

##### Senior Girls

Champion - Anna Paesano (D)

27pts

Runner-up - Gemma Walker (R)

13pts

##### Senior Boys

Champion - Constantin Sieve (R)

16pts

Runner-up - Josh Millar (E) 7pts

### Rowing

Well done to Ruby and Amber Church who rowed their personal best time (30 seconds faster than their U15 Girls race) in the U18 novice girls double skulls 2km at the AON Junior Rowing Regatta.

They finished 4th in their U15 race and went on to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the B Grade final.

### Waihi College Athletics

#### Athletics Record Breakers 2019:

**Hayley Morgan** - Junior Girls Discus New Record 26.40m (2018)

**Oli Mathis** - Junior Boys 200m New Record 25.93s (2004)

**Cristopher Folau** - Intermediate Boys Javelin New Record 39.85 (2015).

Awesome day at this years event with House points of only a 2 point spread across the top 3

houses. Big ups to all those who entered.

#### 2019 Athletic Champions:

**Junior Girls Champion** - Hayley

Morgan (E) 26pts



Runner-up - Jade Waite (E) 10pts

#### Junior Boys

Champion - Oli Mathis (R) 22pts

Runner-up - Tisharn Field (E) 17pts

#### Intermediate Girls

Champion - Zeta Schuler (D) 26pts

Runner-up - Aria Waite (E) 14pts

#### Intermediate Boys

Champion - Cristopher Folau (D)

17pts

Runner-up - Ben Hennessy (E)

10pts



#### Senior Girls

Champion - Tasmin Skinner (R)

14pts

Equal Runners-up - Laure Huchez

(A) and Nikita McAlister (E) 11pts

#### Senior Boys

Champion - Bailey Brady (A) 8pts

Runner-up 6pts to...

Jasper Olson (R)

Dylan Bellamy (R)

Thomas Spicer (A)

Dylan Jarvis (E)

Felix Shatura (D)



Jack Schuler (R) WOW!

Rachael Hall

## COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Waihi College Website Is Currently Under Construction

For up to date information, please check our Facebook pages (please note you DO NOT need a Facebook account to see these pages):

#### Arts and Services

<https://www.facebook.com/theArtsandServicesWaihiCollege/>

#### Sports

<https://www.facebook.com/waihicollegesport/>

#### International

<https://www.facebook.com/WaihiCollegeInternational/>

#### Future Pathways (Careers)

<https://www.facebook.com/Waihi-College-Future-Pathways-293454667938823/>

#### Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/waihicolegenz/?hl=en>

#### Instagram International

[https://www.instagram.com/waihi\\_international/](https://www.instagram.com/waihi_international/)

In the meantime, you can still access updated newsletters and our contact information from our website.

### Art Workshops

#### Drawing Workshop—Focus on Colour and Tone

When: Saturday 16th March

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Katikati Community Centre

Cost: \$65.00

All materials supplied.



#### Introduction to Watercolour Painting

When: Saturday

6th April

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Katikati Community Centre

Cost: \$65.00

This is a fun class that will teach participants how to enjoy and engage in this wonderful transparent medium. Suitable for beginners. Materials included.

Tutor: Shana Carlan-Riddell

[www.katikaticommunity.nz](http://www.katikaticommunity.nz)

Ph 07 549 0399

### Scholastic Book Fair Waihi College Library

Thursday 7 March 3.10 – 4.00

Friday 8 March 3.10 – 4.00

Monday 11 March 3.10 – 4.00

Tuesday 12 March 3.10 – 4.00

Wednesday 13 March 3.10 – 4.30

Thursday 14 March 3.10 – 4.30

Friday 15 March 3.10 – 4.00

There will be a wonderful selection of books and items for all ages.

Come along and find some wonderful resources for your

whanau.

Michelle Sutton



### Upcoming Events

#### March

- 8th L3 O/D Ed Kayak Training
- 8th Pop Up Globe Theatre Trip
- 8th WC Triathlon Y7-13
- 11th-15th Chung Shan Sister City Visit
- 11th L2 O/D Ed Leadership Camp
- 12th TV Athletics
- 12th Waik/TVSS Tennis Champs
- 13th Waikato Individual Triathlon
- 13th Waikato Wars History Trip
- 15th Y7/8 Swimming Champs
- 18th-21st Y9 Camp
- 18th-19th Y11 First Aid Course
- 18th TV 3x3 Snr Basketball
- 18th Catch-up Individual Photos
- 18th AUT Visit
- 19th TV Touch Champs
- 20th-21st Y7/8 Social Studies Trip
- 21st Careers Presentation
- 22nd-27th South Island Geo Trip
- 23rd Waik/BOP Athletics Champs
- 24th-27th L3 Tongariro Geo Trip
- 27th-29th NZSS 3x3 B/B Champs
- 27th Beach Hop Day
- 28th NCEA Information Evening
- 28th TV Triathlon
- 29th L3 INOUT Kayak Training
- 29th Otago University Trip

#### April

- 2nd-4th Goat Island Trip
- 2nd Defence Presentation
- 2nd Waikato Swimming Champs
- 3rd-5th L3 O/D Ed Kayak Expedition
- 3rd TV Bowls
- 4th Waikato Uni Liason Meeting



## PARENTING STRUGGLES?

Need a place where you can meet, talk, and learn from other parents, and guest speakers.

The Waihi Community Resource Centre is running a **FREE** weekly

## Support Group

**EVERY TUESDAY 10 AM 2019**  
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

To register:

Phone 07 8637555 or Text 027 5373996

Waihi Community Resource Centre  
4 Mueller Street, Waihi.

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KIDS NOT LISTENING  
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