



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatau

Term Two is underway and winter is just around the corner! Be guided throughout the term by our school values:

Manaakitanga, Always be prepared and Step it up.

Core Learning: Term Two is 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".

We now have an electronic platform available for you as parents/caregivers/whanau to access information about your students.

Waihi College Parent Portal: The parent portal is a web based tool that allows you to keep track of your child's learning progress and attendance. It also offers you the opportunity to look at the current notices, events planner, finances and library loans. This week you will receive an email and a letter in the post giving details of how to access the parent portal on your device with a unique username and password. If you do not have internet access, you can use the free WIFI at the local Library or alternatively you can call into Waihi College where there is a parent internet access point being set up at the College Reception. On Tuesday 7th May there will be a training session for any parents that require additional help or guidance to use the parent portal in the school library from 6pm

until 7pm. Please feel free to join us there for one on one help in using the portal.

Parent/Teacher Evening (May 30th 3.00pm to 7.00pm): This is another opportunity for you to catch up with your child's subject teachers. You will receive more information about the appointments soon.

Winter Sport: One of 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:

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

A good spectator is:

- o Always positive, supportive and encouraging.
- o Respectful of the opposition and their supporters.
- o Recognising of skill and talent regardless of which team displays it.

Teacher Only Days (TOD): Every year we have a number of teacher only days which we use to upskill staff on a wide array of skills and understandings. The next **TOD** is scheduled for **Friday, May 31st** and we are taking all our College staff on a local journey to learn some of the significant stories peculiar to our district.

Alistair Cochrane

Year 12 Geography South Island Trip



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

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Year 12 Geo Trip to the South Island

In week eight of last term our class of 18 Year 12 Geography students went down to the South Island to study glacier and rock formations. The trip kicked off with an early 4:30 am start, followed by a bumpy haul up to Auckland airport. Once we landed in Christchurch we began driving to Mt Cook National Park, where Mr. Hennessy somehow managed to find time (even though we were two hours behind schedule) to make us climb up 1,741 steps... not the best start to the trip. However, the next day



he was forgiven as we boarded a ski plane and flew around the east face of the Southern Alps landing on Fox glacier. This flight was so amazing with such spectacular views that nearly everyone found this experience to be the highlight of their trip.

When we got to Haast Pass we stopped at the blue pools for a quick dip, which resulted in Brayden swimming in there as though the water temperature wasn't creeping toward the negative numbers.

To end our trip Brian decided to take us on a variation of the bear hunt through a cave. Upon entering the cave it became apparent to Jason that the water level was up to his waist and the whole class soon knew about it, "THE WATER IS VERY DEEP, I THINK I'M DROWNING". The cave walk was filled with a lot of screaming "STOP", and a very short supply of flashlights.

Our very last night at Flock Hill, a big storm rolled in causing a power outage at the lodge we were staying at. This made for a good

bonding time with hot chocolate and cards.

On day six of our trip away we headed back to Christchurch to catch our flight home. We made a detour and stopped to pay our respects to those involved in the tragic Christchurch Mosque shooting.

Finally, a huge thank you to Wendy, Brian and Juliet for taking our class away and giving us the opportunity to have the experiences we had down in the South Island. Cheers New Zealand.



Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At the Salvation Army Car Park at top of Seddon Street Waihi on Wednesday 22nd May —9.45am—2.00pm.

Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door.

For these services:

- Glue ear assessment and management
- Treatment of discharging ears
- Grommet checks
- Wax/foreign body removal



All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

For enquiries regarding this service phone 07 838 3565.

Waihi Contract Bridge Club

Do you enjoy playing cards?

Are you a social 500 player?

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Do you want to make new friends?

Answer yes to any of these questions, how about trying Bridge.

Free lessons starting 30th April.

Phone Tutor Sue Spinks on 027 437 4376 or email:

suespinks6@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

May

1st-4th	Year 12/13 Arts Trip
7th	Horticulture Careers Day
7th	Parent Portal Training 6pm
8th	Y7/8 TV Rippa Rugby
9th-10th	Y13 Leadership Course
9th	Chess Tournament
15th-16th	Y7/8 Social Studies Trip
17th	Year 12 Physics Trip
17th	Waikato Uni Open day
17th	Y7/8 Amazing Race
19th	International Trip
22nd	Cross Country
24th	Reporoa B/B Exchange
24th	Toi Ohomai Open Day
28th	TV Cross Country
28th	Squash Champs
30th	Parent Teacher Interviews
31st	Teacher Only Day

June

3rd	Queens Birthday
4th	Y9 Social Studies Trip
6th	Wai/BOP Cross Country
7th	TV Squash Champs



Waihi College thanks the support of Maree Clark Mortgage Specialist. If you'd like to have a chat to discuss buying your first home or investment property, building your dream home or refinancing options feel free to get in touch with Maree on 0275457696. Maree is available 7 days a week and her service is free of charge.

COLLEGE SPORT

Reminder: All 2019 Sports Fees Are Due.

Please pay at the front office or speak to them about organising an automatic payment.

Rugby

Congratulations to **Royce Mercer** and **Westerly Ainsley** for being selected to attend the Te Hiku o te Ika U18 Maori Rugby Development Camp.

Athletics

NZ Grade 12/13 Inter-Provincial Athletic Championships
Congratulations to **Tisharn Field**



who came Runner-up in his age group at this event in Christchurch in the holidays. Tisharn placed 1st in the Shotput, 2nd in the 100m and 4th in the Discus.

Girls Rugby

Congratulations to **Kaisha Orr-Gosse**, playing for the TV U16 7s team last month. The girls had an awesome day and



played their hearts out all day and showed great courage.

Wrestling

Congratulations to **Westerly Ainsley** who won Gold and **Blake Galey** who won a Gold and Bronze at the



NZSS Wrestling Championships in April.

Westerly also got most scientific wrestler for senior division. This placed Waihi 4th in NZ! Fantastic results boys!

Surfing

Congratulations to **Roman Harries** who placed 3rd in the BOP Primary Surf Champs on the 5th April. Also awesome work to **Luca Smyth** who made the semi-finals.

Waikato Swimming Championship Results

Great results from our team this year. Biggest team we have sent to this event for a number of years.



Top ten results:

Lillie Tai

3rd 100 breaststroke

4th 50 breaststroke

Isitolo Hiliat

5th 50 backstroke

7th 100 IM

9th 200 freestyle

Kati Vollbrandt

5th 50 backstroke

6th 100 backstroke

10th 50 butterfly

Zach Pullen

9th 100 freestyle

Lucy Walton

5th 200 freestyle

Jared Lee

8th 100 IM

10th 50 backstroke

Ciara Hennessy

8th 50 breaststroke

Zeta Schuler

9th 50 breaststroke

Constantin Sieve

10th 50 breaststroke

Rachael Hall

Squash

College squash is starting on Monday 6th May, 4pm at the Baker St Squash Courts.

Racquets provided for any new players.

Have a bash, get training if you want.

Make sure you are in sports gear and wear non marking shoes, school shoes are not appropriate.

It will be just one hour at first and free to all students for the first 3 weeks. If you want to continue through the rest of Term 2 and Term 3, give your name to Mrs Carter and it will cost you \$20.

On Tuesday May the 28th the College Squash Champs will be running which will lead on to Thames Valley and Waikato competitions.

Dot Carter

EzyRider Riding School

EzyRider Riding School has opened in Waihi.

EzyRider offers after school horse riding for students over 8 years of age and also provide:

- a 5 day holiday program during each school holidays
- adult leisure riding
- short courses for parents and non riders who want to feel comfortable around horses.
- Ponies and all the equipment is provided.
- Bookings are essential.

Contact email: ezyrda@gmail.com

Ph 0272 089 881 (Marty) for more information.



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you know to be a school trustee.

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for our schools**



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