



# Waihi College Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatou

Term One has just rushed by and the April holiday break is upon us and I am sure everybody is looking forward to the break. There has been a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students to get involved with! (Sport, Camps, Fieldtrips, and Community Events etc) I am always impressed with how students and staff can fit all these things in and still complete the academic side of their learning programme. It is very important however to get a balance between the curricular and extra-curricular activities and sometimes choices need to be made to ensure that justice is done to your learning.

I would like to send my farewell wishes with Justin Harper (DP) and his family who has been appointed to Principalship at Callinane College in Whanganui. May your leadership continue to be wise and inspirational and always in the



best interests of the youth of our magnificent country. Also to Reuben Wells and his whanau as they journey to inspire the Australians. We will miss you both and look forward to catching up in the future.



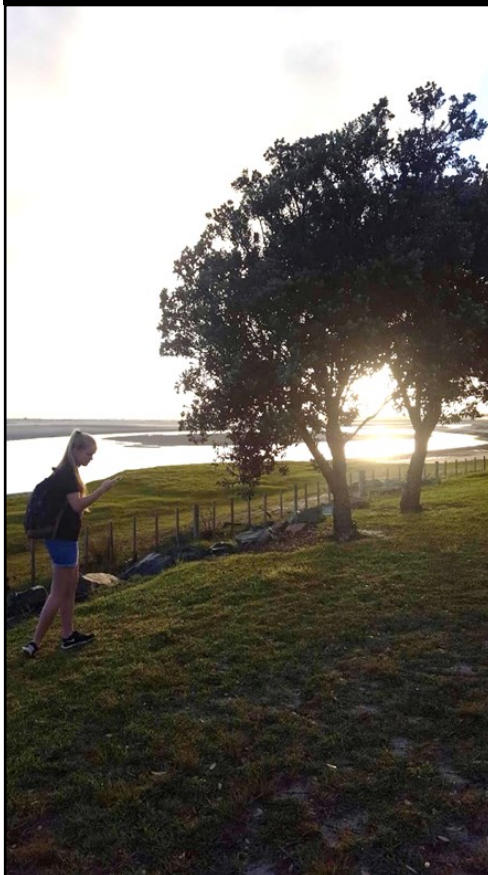
**Winter Team Sport** starts in earnest next term and I urge all students and parents to take up the challenge of being involved. The rewards are tremendous as we see youngsters learning new skills and developing the capacity to work and have fun in teams. Yes there may be times of anguish and frustration, but the benefits far outweigh the disappointments. If you are unsure about how to help contact the school and we will be able to put you on to the teacher in charge. **Always play to win but play hard and play FAIR!**

Reminder that **Term Two starts on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

Have a great break, give back to those that love you most and remember to **be the best that you can be in everything that you do.**

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Goat Island Geography Trip



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



## COLLEGE NEWS

### Goat Island Biology Trip

Perfect weather, perfect company and Mr Galey in a skin tight wet-suit. The Year 12 Biology trip to the Goat Island Marine Reserve was a fantastic experience that began on a much-too-early Wednesday morning. After cramming all our gear onto the bus we began our 3 hour drive up north. Our first stop was the Miranda Shore Bird Reserve. Here we spent some time learning about the Godwit which flies 12,000 km from New Zealand to Alaska during its migration. We then carried on to Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium, where we learnt about ocean sustainability. After a miscommunication between teacher and bus driver, which resulted in us missing our designated stop at Maccas and left us all feeling a little hungry, we arrived at the stunning gorgeous marine reserve.

Over the next 2 days we learnt about the fascinating ocean



organisms that occupied the rocky shore and enjoyed some of the amazing things Goat Island has to offer. We went

snorkelling and spied Eagle Rays and many species of unique fish, we went on a glass bottom boat and saw beautiful sights such as penguins, giant snapper and someone vomiting into the ocean. We all had a great time and would like to thank Mr Galey and Juliet for helping us discover such a treasured place so close to home. I wish everyone the best of luck for our internal write-up next term.

*Holly Elson-Fisher*

### Leo News

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, a group Leo's (Lions International Youth Group) attended the Annual Lions District Conference where over 70 Lions Clubs were represented. Together with other Leo's they weeded new plants at the Waiwhakareke Heritage Park, met other Leo groups and discussed ideas on how best to serve the



community.

The Waihi Lions were voted the most outstanding club in the district, and the group were successful in



their bid for the Waihi Lions to host the conference in 2020.

Well done Mahonri, Aidan, India, Amy and Holly.

*Brendan Carroll*

### Careers Notice Board

Visits this term included Otago University, Massey University, Waikato University, WINTec, Auckland University of Technology and Auckland University. A group also went to the Primary Industries Career Day at Ngatea.

Congratulations to Ngawhira Kennedy who successfully gained a scholarship to the University of Otago's On Campus Experience.

Highlights for Term 2 will include visits by Victoria University and Toi Ohomai plus Open Days to the University of Waikato, WINTec and Toi Ohomai.

A daily bus service to Waikato University (at \$1 a trip) will continue next year along with a \$10,000 Scholarship (Te ara ki Angitu) and there is a strong possibility of a daily bus service to their campus in Tauranga next year. This can be used by the Toi Ohomai students as well.

*Roger Hunt*

### Debating

Early one Saturday morning at the beginning of March, seven Year 10 Waihi College students made their way to Tauranga Boys College for the first Bay of Plenty regional debating competition. We had two teams as well as a backup speaker, and were the youngest teams there. We would be competing in four debates each against Year 11 to 13's.



It was a tough beginning with both teams coming away defeated in the first few rounds, however we managed to pull through and get one win each in the second half. We even had our substitute join onto another team, which won as well. At the end of the day we came away with three wins and finished in 17th place out of 24 teams. This is a fantastic result considering how young and inexperienced we were compared to some of the other teams.

It was great to be involved in the competition and we came away with lots of knowledge for future debates.

*Sarah Keall*

### Defensive Driving Courses

Next course over 4 nights from 6-8pm Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th, Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd May \$180.00 contact 07 863 4550 or 021 152 1186.

### Holiday Work

Holiday work available at Eastpack, Katikati for over 16 year olds. Plus full time seasonal work.

Contact 07 573 0900 or 027 809 4553.

## COLLEGE SPORT

### Sports and Fees

Please remember that all last years Fees must be paid before you can take the field or court this season. You must also be at 85% attendance.

### Netball

All Year 7-9 Netball players must purchase their own maroon dresses through the Direct Group Website. This needs to be done before the beginning of the season on 1<sup>st</sup> May. These dresses for Year 7s will be worn for 3 years.

### Waikato Individual Triathlon

Congratulations to our representatives at the Waikato Individual Triathlon!

**Max Baker** 1st and **Noah Harries** 4th in the Year 8 Boys. **Roman Harries** and **Callum McKain** 3rd equal in the Year 7 Boys. Sensational results!

### Thames Valley Athletics Results – 7<sup>th</sup> March

#### Junior Girls

1st 100m - Aria Waite  
1st 200m - Aria Waite  
1st 300m - Aria Waite  
3rd 300m - Zeta Schuler  
2nd Shot put - Zeta Schuler  
2nd Discus - Hayley Morgan  
1st Triple jump - Via Taulafo  
2nd High jump - Hayley Morgan  
3rd High jump - Zeta Schuler

#### Junior Boys

1st 200m - Ethan Baker  
2nd= 100m - Ethan Baker  
2nd Shot put - Poasi Folau  
2nd Triple jump - Jack Vautier

#### Intermediate Girls

2nd 800m - Mia Morgan  
4th 3000m - Tasmin Skinner  
3rd Javelin - Beau Crawford

#### Intermediate Boys

1st 3000m - Ben Hennessy  
1st 1500m - Ben Hennessy  
1st Shot put - Cris Folau  
3rd Discus - Bradley Rickard  
2nd Javelin - Cris Folau  
4th High jump - Dylan Bellamy

#### Senior Girls

4th 100m - Alexa Baldessan  
4th Javelin - Mia Brown  
3rd High jump - Mia Brown

#### Senior Boys

3rd 800m - Nils Winistoerfer

4th 800m - Jasper Olson  
2nd 3000m - Samuel Bayes  
1st Shot put - Bailey Brady  
3rd Triple jump - Aodhan Balemi  
Congratulations to all of our athletes that competed on the day. A big thank you to our manager Mr Webb, Parent helpers; Paul Schuler and Hayley Ashby and to leaders Kelli Purcell and Nyah Frew for doing such a great job on the day at the triple jump.

### Waikato Junior Swimming Championships



Congratulations to Lillie Tai who won Bronze for her 200m Breaststroke at the Waikato Jnrs.

### Horse of the Year

Congratulations to Izzy Faber and My Emoji, 6th in the 105cm speed



at Horse of the Year in Hastings in March.

### Thames Valley Touch

Congratulations to our Junior Girls Touch Team for coming Runners-up at the Thames Valley SS Touch after a drop off in overtime in the final. Also to our Junior Boys who came 3rd after a drop off in overtime in their semi!

Big thank you to our coaches Susie

Morgan and Shaun McKain for taking the teams and to Mr Te Wake for driving the van!

A big big thank you to Wiki Rawiri and Kaurerewa Koopu that did an amazing job as our referees!

### Waihi College Triathlon Results – 20<sup>th</sup> March

#### Junior Girls Individual

1st - Kyla Walker  
2nd - Zeta Schuler  
3rd - Aria Waite

#### Junior Girls Teams

1st - Paris Peka, Hayley Morgan, Hope Heemi-Awheto  
2nd - Kaisha Orr-Gosse, Jean Branch, Candice Curtis

#### Junior Boys Individual

1st - Aidon McKain  
2nd - Jakob McKain  
3rd - Isitolo Hiliate

#### Junior Boys Teams

1st - Carlos Hassan, Jack Vautier, Regan Green  
2nd - Sam Malone, Jordon Evans, Jaedon Morrison

#### Intermediate Girls Teams

1st - Michaela Malone, Tasmin Skinner

2nd - Katya Taylor, Ashlee Woodhouse, Brûlée Pullen

#### Intermediate Boys Individual

1st - Ben Hennessy

#### Intermediate Boys Teams

1st - Jared Lee, Cody Roycroft, Hamish Brown  
2nd - Ollie Drake, Trav Anderson, Ethan Purcell

#### Senior Girls Individual

1st - Aoife Hennessy  
2nd - Emily Coker

#### Senior Boys Individual

1st - Nils Winistorfer  
2nd - Tommy Steele  
3rd - Manton Parker-Knight

#### Senior Boys Teams

1st - Aiden Wild, Liam Roberts, Taylin Amohanga  
2nd - Dylan Bellamy, Rubin Crompton, Mahonri Koopu.

### Triathlon Records Broken

Junior Boys Individual - **Aidon McKain** - new record 18.29m

Intermediate Boys Individual - **Ben Hennessy** - new record 26.13m

Senior Boys Teams - **Aiden Wild, Liam Roberts, Taylin Amohanga** - new record 31.49m

Well done.



## COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Entertainment Books

Waihi College is raising funds for the Geography Fiji trip and Nepal trip. By buying an Entertainment Membership from us \$13.00 will go towards the above trips. The Entertainment Memberships are available as a book or as a digital membership that puts all the offers in the book on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button. To order your book or digital membership online visit [www.entbook.co.nz/9r34877](http://www.entbook.co.nz/9r34877) or contact Brian Hennessy on 022 3441 226 or email [brianhe@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:brianhe@waihicol.school.nz)

### Student Safety

In the interests of student safety we ask that you please don't park on the dashed or solid yellow lines near the front entrance of the school. Many thanks.

### Code Club

Does your child want to learn to code? Code Club Aotearoa have free coding projects for kids age 9-13! We can help you set up a club, or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy! Drop us a line at [team@codeclub.nz](mailto:team@codeclub.nz) or visit our website: [codeclub.nz](http://codeclub.nz).

### Waihi College Student Leaders



### Upcoming Events

April	
13th	Memphis Trip to Auckland
13th	Outdoor Ed Kayak Trip L3
13th	End of Term 1
26th	1st Aid Course
29th	Outdoor Ed Kayak Trip L3
30th	Term Two Begins
30th-1st	Outdoor Ed Kayak Trip L3

Photos of the Powhiri held to welcome new teachers and students at the beginning of the year.



Have a good holiday break

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## NGATEA LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT 14th April 2018



**ALL PLAYERS CARDS GO INTO THE DRAW  
FOR A MASPORT BBQ WORTH \$799**

\*Winner must be present to claim prize.

**Entries to the Hauraki Golf Club**  
email [bookings@haurakigolf.co.nz](mailto:bookings@haurakigolf.co.nz)  
or phone (07) 867 3197  
**Entries can be made on the day**

## HAURAKI GOLF CLUB

Saturday Tee-Off: 8.30-11.00am  
Teams of 4 players - Mens, Womens,  
Non-golfers, Mixed teams - all welcome  
Golf Carts available for hire, please advise  
if this is required when entering  
• Food available on the course  
• Lunch provided FREE

**'Waikato East Life Education Trust, thank you all for your support'**



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Ngatea Lions

Special thanks to  
Hauraki Golf Club



For further information: <https://rainbowsend.co.nz/whats-on/night-rides>