



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The 2018 school year is in full swing and it is great to see everyone again after the summer break.

I am very pleased with the way the school has settled into the New Year and we

are all set for a fantastic year both in and out of the classroom.

Welcome to all new students and their families and also to new staff. It was great to see you all at the Powhiri on the February 2.

Emma Roberts	Y7/8
Zac Te Wake	Y 7/8
Te Awhi Cooper	Y 7/8 Immersion Maori
Vicky Knight	ESOL
Peter Roy	Technology
Nicole Clare	Science and Y 7/8

The school roll (**690ish plus 35 International Students**) is up this year on what we have been expecting and this always results in a few large classes etc. However, these issues have been sorted out and I am delighted with the way the school year has started.

I was very pleased with the **2017 Examination results**. Approximately 75%

of Year 11, 89% of Year 12 and 76% of Year 13 students who were enrolled in a full NCEA programme, gained their respective NCEA level qualifications. These results are a strong improvement on 2015 and very similar to 2016. I congratulate all students who achieved their respective NCEA goals.

Special congratulations to **Millie Dunstall, Sophia Richards, Charlie Spicer, Ben Fry, Haylee Erasmus and Rennie Allan** who are the recipients of the Waihi Gold Company \$2000.00 scholarships and to all those students who generated Merit and Excellence endorsement awards on their respective NCEA qualifications.

The first term of any school year is filled with many opportunities for the students and the upcoming **Swimming (15th February)** and **Athletics Sports (28th February)** days are always a highlight. I encourage parents and caregivers to attend these sports days and support the students. They are fun days and always result in some outstanding performances. I look forward to seeing you there.

Get involved, work hard, have fun and you will reap the rewards.

Alistair Cochrane

Year 13 Camp



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

Waihi College – Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi

With red and black the work will be complete

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete.

COLLEGE NEWS AND NEW STAFF

Year 13 Camp 2018

2018 is going to be a fantastic year full of energy, creativity, and 'go forward' if the Year 13 camp is to be an example of what we have to come. It's always a tough start calling our senior students back to school three days before the rest of the school, however, once they arrived at Aongatete Lodge they never looked back.

House Leaders and Pouako, Dr Leon Ruttersmith (D), Mr Peter Roy (E), Miss Hannah Gifford (A), and Mr Peter McNeil (R), enjoyed impressive contributions by their house members throughout the three days as many vied for the roles of House Leaders. While congratulations must go to those who won, it was clearly stated by many in the year group that support and leadership is in abundance.

As well as bringing everyone back together to unify the Year 13 cohort as one, key outcomes of the camp were to develop the student's skills and understanding of decision making, goal setting, and collaboration. We also hope students left with the understanding that as Year 13 students they have a responsibility to themselves, their families and our school, to act in a positive way and contribute wherever they can for the benefit of all.

Thanks to Mrs Andrea Hill who did such an amazing job organising the menu during the holidays. The food was spectacular and abundant! Finally congratulations to all the Year 13 students who attended. Your presence demonstrates your commitment to each other and to the success of yourself and to Waihi College. I encourage you all to maintain this throughout 2018.

David Tait

House Leaders 2018

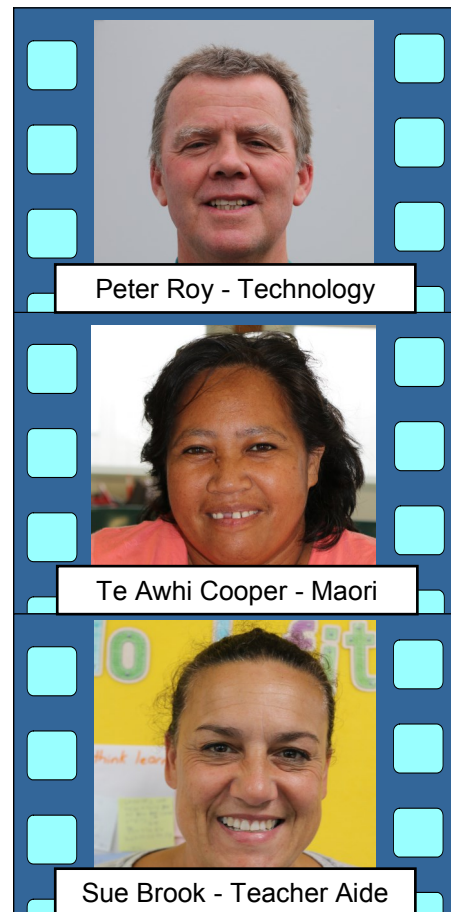
Congratulations to the new House Leaders for 2018.



House Leaders



	DOMINION	AMARANTH	ROYAL	EMPIRE
Heads	Manton Parker-Knight Jade Mackel	Sydney Morgan Liam Roberts	Ryan Rogers Tia Pio	Taylin Amohanga Tanyon Leigh
Deputy Heads	Oliver Gilmor Claire Heays	Luciana Hoeft Ngawhira Kennedy	Nils Winistoerfer Teagan McGee	Alice Donaldson Tommy Steele
International	Pascal Becher (H) Cedric Mueller (DH)			



Attention young writers!

The New Zealand Society of Authors are offering four places on a mentor programme that will pair talented NZ writers from 12-18 years of age with published authors for nine hours of advice and support. If you are a keen writer and have a project that you would like help with, please see Mrs Barrow who will explain the application process to you.

The New Zealand Lions Club are inviting 16-21 year olds to take part in their speaking competition, the winner will travel to Canada/USA. There is also a competition (no age limits) for the United Nations Association Speech Awards, speaking on the topic "How should we balance climate change issues versus economic growth in New Zealand? Are they mutually exclusive?" Please see Mrs Barrow if you would like to take part.

Debating

Tauranga Boys' School have invited teams to compete in a debate competition. We have some talented debaters at Waihi College, so please contact Mrs Barrow if you would like to be part of a team.

COLLEGE SPORT

Paeroa Touch

Congratulations to the Waihi College Dodge Touch Rugby team that played in the Paeroa Touch Module at the end of 2017 and won it!

Players: Jakob McKain, Aidon McKain, Aria Waite, Jade Waite, Max Baker, Arama Koopu, CJ Smith, Hayley Morgan, Neisha Bellamy

Koru Basketball Development Tour

Congratulations to **Hayley Morgan** and **Neisha Bellamy** who went to Australia as part of this Development Tour in January.

Thames Valley Touch

The following athletes competed for Thames Valley at the IPS Tournament in Rotorua on Anniversary Weekend.

U14 Girls - **Jade Waite, Aria Waite, Hayley Morgan**

U14 Boys - **Aidon McKain, Jakob McKain, Max Baker**

Maori Basketball Tournament

Representing Te Maru o Mauao ki Tauranga Moana Basketball Club on Anniversary weekend in Rotorua was **Maddisen Davison** in the U15 team and **Emily Davison** who played in the U13 team that came away with a Silver Medal.

NZ Maori U14 Mixed Tag

Four of our students have been



selected to play in this tournament on 3rd March at North Harbour stadium.

Congratulations to **Aria Waite, Jade Waite, Hayley Morgan and Aidon McKain**. Good Luck!

Cricket

Well done to **Jackson Walker** who played Western BOP Cricket Year 7s who came 2nd for the season.

Swimming



Congratulations to Lillie Tai and Ciara Hennessy who both qualified and are competing at the NZ Juniors Aquaknights Zone in Rotorua this weekend.

Surf Lifesaving

Congratulations to **Aiden Wild** and **Nils Winistoerfer** who have



received their Surf Lifeguard Award over the summer. Other Life Guards this summer included **Aoife Hennessy, Jacob Drake, Ollie Drake**, and rookie lifeguards **Rian Butler** and **Zeta Schuler**.

Tauranga City Basketball Representatives 2018

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been named in representative teams:

U17A - Dylan Bellamy

U17B - Aidan Roycroft

U16A - Taine Atger

U15A - Torban Blok

U15B - Rian Butler, Reegan Green

U15A - Maddisen Davison

U15B - Aria Waite, Hayley Morgan, Riley East, Neisha Bellamy, Zeta Schuler

U13A - Emily Davison

U13B - Te Wai Howie

U13B - Matt Schuler

U12A - Elijah Akuhata-Green

Thames Valley representatives are yet to be named.

NZ Inline Hockey Representatives

Congratulations to **Jamie Mudford** and **Katie Lovell** for making the NZ Junior Women's Squad (Katie also making the Senior Women's team) and **Jaiden Pert** the 16 & U Squad for 2018.

We wish you luck getting into the teams!

Inline Hockey

Dylan Lovell and **Justus Chapman** played in the Central Region U10 team at the Inter-



Regionals and came away with a Silver Medal. **Braydon Burr** played for the Central Region U12 team that won Gold at this event.

Athletics—Trans Tasman

Matt Schuler competed at the Trans Tasman Athletics event during the holidays coming away with a Gold Medal in the Long Jump.

Colgate Games

This year we had 4 athletes attend a very wet and windy Colgate Games: **Aria Waite, Jade Waite, Matt Schuler, Zeta Schuler**. Matt won Gold in the Long Jump, and a Silver in the Discus.

Trials Reminder:

Basketball

19th Feb - Junior Girls & Junior

Boys

20th Feb - College A Girls/Senior Girls

21st Feb - Year 7/8 Girls

22nd Feb - Year 7/8 Boys

27th Feb - College A/Senior Boys

Netball

26th Feb - College A

27th Feb - Year 7/8

1st Mar - Year 9/10

Cheerleading

3rd Mar

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8.30am - Age 5-10

10am - Year 7/8

11.30am - Y9-13

Football Musters

Will be held the week starting 5th March.

Rachael Hall

Itinerant Music Lessons

There is an opportunity for children to have free Music lessons through the itinerant music scheme.

Tutors come once a week and lessons are available in flute, clarinet, trumpet, violin, cello, piano/ keyboard, and guitar.

There is no cost for the lessons and initially children do not have to own an instrument.

Naturally children already in the scheme will have priority but there are spaces available.

N.B. guitar is always more popular than we have spaces for so be in quick.

If interested please feel free to ring me at school on 07 863 8349, or in the evenings at home on 07 863 6480 or 022 047 7359.

Bob Paton.



Upcoming Events

February

16th	Drama Globe Trip
20th	NCEA Endorsed Student Evening
23rd-25th	Int Tongariro Crossing
26th	TV Swimming Champs
28th	W/C Athletics Sports

Waihi College Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 5th March – Friday 9th March

The Waihi College Library would like to invite you to come and visit during this week to peruse and purchase any books and incidentals that may catch your eye. There will be a selection for younger children as well as for our Year 7 & 8's.

Opening hours for the fair are as follows:

Monday: 8 – 8.30am

3 – 4.30pm

Tuesday: 8 – 8.30am

3 – 4.30pm

Wednesday: 8 – 8.30am

3 – 5.30pm

Thursday: 8 – 8.30am

3 – 4.30pm

Friday: 8 – 8.30am

3 – 4.00pm

If you have any queries feel free to contact Michelle Sutton at Waihi College Library.



Absences

All absences must be explained by either a phone call the morning of the absence, or a note for the Learning Area Teacher the next day.

Please expect a phone call for unexplained absences.

The Student Centre has a cell phone for parents to text in on— 021 830 055.

Appointments

If a student has a dental or doctors appointment they must sign out and in at the Student Centre. They then either hand in their appointment card or take a slip from the Student

Centre to be signed by the receptionist at the Medical Centre or Dentist.



Procedure for Payment of Accounts

All money (cash/cheques) must be placed in a **sealed envelope** (recycled is fine). On the front of the envelope **print** in full the students **name and exact amount** of money for the fee charged and what the payment is for. Enclose any **Permission Slip**.

The envelope should then be **placed in the Postal Slot** at the Student Centre.

An example of information to appear on the envelope:-

First Name _____ Surname _____ (Print your name)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name of trip / activity: _____

Receipts are only printed on request.

