

# Waihi College Newsletter



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



**Term Two** is all but over and what a great term it has been. Students and staff have been involved in a wide variety of activities both in and out of the classroom and I have had many positive comments about the way our students behave and achieve outstanding results.

**Spirit Days** are a great way to bring some fun and laughter into our lives at the end of a hectic winter term but also to remember those who have passed. Well done to all who got involved in the activities. A special shout out to those students and staff who have worked extremely hard to put it all together for others to enjoy. TRUE CITIZENS.

The **annual exchange with Katikati College** went very well earlier in the week and I have had many positive comments from staff and students alike. A seven all draw was probably a fair result but the bragging rights will come our way next year.

**International Education** is a significant

part of our school these days with as many as 30 international students being in the school and community at any given point in time. July is a common change over point due to the European school year ending and starting again. I would like to take this opportunity to farewell those students heading home. We have all got to know each other better and I thank you for adding diversity, culture and friendship to our lives.

Well done to all those parents who managed to meet with the teachers on **INTERVIEW** day. If there are things we could do better please feel free to email me so we can make improvements for the future. [principal@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:principal@waihicol.school.nz)

A final farewell to one of my Deputy Principals, Brendan Carroll (and family) as he heads off to a Principalship at Reporoa College. I thank you all for your contribution and input into our school. We will miss you but also wish you all the best for the future.

I hope you all have a good midyear break. See you back at school on July 23rd.

*Alistair Cochrane*

## The Wellington Art Trip



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**Waihi College** – He Hono tangata e kore e motu, Ka pa he taura waka e motu.  
Unlike the rope of a waka, the bond of a human cannot be severed.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Wellington Art Trip 2018

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July we flew down to Wellington. For some of our kids this was their first time on a plane! We managed to drop off our gear, check out our rooms and then headed off for a walk up to Vic Uni to see the Adams Art Gallery exhibition, lots of whinging about walking from our teenagers but we got there after a few cardiac moments.

That night we all had dinner at Mama Browns, two for one Wednesday special. Southern hospitality food, massive meals and the goal was to eat all of it! Then back to YHA as we had a big day planned for the Thursday.

Thursday up, lunches packed and we were off to Parliament building where we took a tour, we were lucky and managed to see Parliament in action, they were debating the Fuel Tax. Dakota had the opportunity to meet and have a chat with Mr Little. We had one student who nearly managed to cause a major diplomatic catastrophe by setting off the alarms while going through into parliament house. She forgot to hand over phone, don't worry no names will be mentioned here. What goes on tour stays on tour.

After Parliament we were off to Te Papa wow...Weta Gallipoli was still running and we were stunned by the gigantic models of real ANZAC soldiers. In order to get the likeness, Weta sent out a casting call all over the country for people who looked like the original soldiers and from there they had made moulds of them. Spectacular and

very emotional. We also got to enjoy the new Art Floors recently renovated by Te Papa, you can literally get lost in Te Papa for hours and we did!!

That night we all went off to the BATs Theatre to watch "I Dated an Android", a comedy about the future where people may one day marry Androids, wow heavy thinking!!

Friday another busy day with Wellington City Art Gallery first up and an awesome tour and art lesson. We managed to see Michael Parekowhai's Piano based on the movie "the Piano", we were able to complete sketches of it that we then made into a screen printed piece of art. Really Cool!

Then we broke off into groups to either go to the Sea and Land Museum, the local Art Gallerys, the



Wellington War Museum, back to Te Papa or through the Wellington Art Gallery again.

Lunch then a pick up for Weta Studios

where we all got to

see the amazing industry of stage props that Weta work on.

A great young guy showed us around and explained the props for Narnia, Lord of the Rings, Hobbits just to name a few. Next we were taken through to the Thunderbirds set and learned the secrets of the trade. How do they make rocks on Thunderbirds; good old fashioned "builders expanding foam" also next time you watch Thunderbirds look out for the Dyson vacuum cleaner and lemon squeezer...Yip very technical! The great thing was they explained how you just get stuck in and use stuff around the house to make miniatures. A lot of our own students were inspired to go home and start making their own miniature films sets...so lock up that vacuum Mum and Dad!

That night we all hit the streets of Wellington to go to the night

markets, there was food from all over the world... to be honest we didn't last long it was freezing so some of our kids had the opportunity to go to Jurassic Park 3D the others hit the supermarket opposite YHA for snacks and then hung out at what we now considered our home away from home, the YHA.

Saturday morning we had a treasure map of the local galleries and time to do some shopping and just explore the city. Then off to the airport ready to catch our flight home. I have to say our students were amazing on this trip, they were so well behaved and trustworthy that even the YHA staff (who have students from all over NZ) said "how nice it was to see such calm, polite teenagers"...big thanks to Sarita Carroll who came with me and Mr Cochrane, Mattie, Mr Carroll and my Hubby, Karl for dropping us off and picking us up at the airport. Till next year.

*Levonne Dodunski*

### Careers Notice Board

#### Course Planning Visits

15 August—AUT

28 August—Waikato University

28 September—Otago University

#### Halls of Residence Applications

Open 1 August

#### Open Days

12 July—Canterbury

1 August—Massey (Manawatu)

9 August—Auckland

31 August—Wellington

25 August—Auckland and AUT

1 September—Victoria

#### Scholarships

Applications begin to close from mid August onwards. (Special assistance will be given to students in the first weeks of Term 3)

#### Big Events

8 August—Coromandel Roadshow (8.45-11.15 Seniors)

8 August—Hauraki & Coromandel Business Expo (for Year 10 Business Studies students)

10 August—CANVAS Tauranga Business Expo (ASB Arena) (all Year 10 students)

*Roger Hunt*





## COLLEGE SPORT

### Waikato/BOP X Country – 6<sup>th</sup> June

Congratulations to **Ben Hennessy** who travelled to Taupo for this



event. He placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the U16 Boys 4000m.

### NZSS X Country

WOW! **Ben Hennessy** - 23rd in NZ in the Junior Boys 4000m Cross Country today in Taupo.

We are very proud of you Ben!

### TV Squash – 7<sup>th</sup> June

Two boy's teams travelled to Matamata to compete in these championships in the teams division.

It was a great learning curve for them as beginners and there were some great match ups.

Teams were: **Nils Winstoerfer, Aman Sandhu, Mason Sas. Max Thomas, Kaii Merriman, Nathan Pawson.**

### Boulton Cup (Netball) – 19<sup>th</sup> June



This years event was held in Matamata on very wet and slippery courts. Although injury and illness hampered the girls efforts, it was great to see them go out and give it all. Big thank you to Coach, Donna Walker and Manager, Raewyn Croker for taking the girls over for the day. They placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to Connor Pascoe who was the team umpire.

### BOP Zone X Country – 20<sup>th</sup> June



Congratulations to the team!

Placings in the top 15 go on to next event...

#### Year 7 Boys

1st - Callum McKain  
5th - Dominic Vautier  
13th - Roman Harries

#### Year 8 Girls

10th - Tyla Millar  
13th - Jade Waite

#### Year 8 Boys

1st - Oli Mathers  
3rd - Max Baker

### Waimata Netball Tournament – 21<sup>st</sup> June

Congratulations to our Year 7A and 8A Netball Teams that took out their divisions at the Waimata Tournament this year.

### BOP Inter-school X Country – 26<sup>th</sup> June

Congratulations to our boys that competed at this event. A much different terrain than the Waipuna Park course.

Placings were: **Max Baker – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Callum McKain – 5<sup>th</sup>, and Ollie Mathis – 11<sup>th</sup>.**



### BOP World Cup Basketball Tournament – 28<sup>th</sup> June

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Girls Basketball team on their 3rd place at the BOP World Cup Tournament.



Great to see how much they have improved. Big thanks to Coach, Phil Davison and Manager, Ali Howie for their ongoing support.

Also to Baz and all the parents who helped on the day

### Waikato Rippa Rugby Finals – 29<sup>th</sup> June

The team headed over to Hamilton last Friday to play in the Waikato finals of the Rippa Rugby with Coach, Jesse Webb.

With only limited trainings due to weather and other sporting events the team played some amazing Rippa, working well as a team and scoring some awesome tries. They made it through to the Quarter Finals before being beaten by Pio Pio.

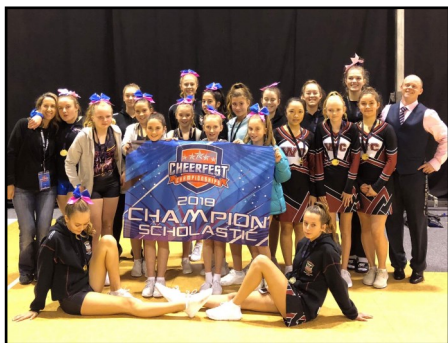


## COLLEGE NEWS, SPORT AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Well done to everyone. Big thank you to all of the parents that travelled to support the team.

### Cheerfest – 1<sup>st</sup> July

GOLD again for our Waihi Girls, this time at their first competition for the



Cheerfest. They won the Scholastic Division. Awesome work girls!

### NZ Koru Development Tour

Congratulations to all of our players who have made this development tour. All your hard work and dedication has paid off.

I won't name them yet as I don't want to miss anyone out!

*Rachael Hall*

### Well Done Avalon

A few weeks ago, Ocean and her mum, Kristen, came to our assembly where Avalon presented them with a cheque for \$500.

Avalon was hoping to raise more from a concert that didn't go ahead due to unforeseen circumstances. The \$500 was donated from the Student Senior Council. Waihi College feel it's important to support



our community as well as our students. Well done Avalon for making this happen!

### A Photo of this Years OceanaGold Mining Education Trust Scholarship Winners



### Children's Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central School, Moresby Avenue, Waihi on Monday 23rd July—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 YOUTH CENTRE

(Chr of Mueller St and Kenny St)



#### OPENING HOURS

**Monday – Friday**

**3pm-6pm**

**For all Year 6-13 students.**

### Upcoming Events

#### July

23rd	Term 3 Starts
22nd-30th	Geo Trip to Fiji
24th-25th	W/C Jnr Badminton
25th	Electoral Roll Information
26th-27th	Te Wharekura O Mauao B/B Exchange
26th-27th	W/C Snr Badminton
30th	Kyoritsu Sister City Visit

#### August

1st	L1 Outdoor Ed Camping & Tramping
2nd	Te Wharekura o Tauranga Moana Snr B/B Game
3rd	BOP Jnr B/B
3rd	TV Snr Badminton
4th	Battle in the Bay (Cheerleaders)
5th-8th	Y13 PED Ski Trip



### OUTWARD BOUND

#### School Holiday Parent & Teen Course

Leaps & Bounds is the ultimate shared adventure for a parent/caregiver and their teenager (13 - 15 years).

Over 8 days learn about yourself and each other in a challenging but supportive environment. Form a relationship that is real, open, honest, and based on respect while sharing the experience with other adults and teenagers in your group.

Activities include tramping, camping, kayaking, running, sailing, swimming, rock climbing and high-ropes.

“ Outward Bound provided my daughter and I with a gift of experience and language/stories that we now share. ”

#### Upcoming course dates

Sun 15 July - Sun 22 July  
Sat 6 Oct - Sat 13 Oct

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[outwardbound.co.nz](http://outwardbound.co.nz)