

Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Last month I announced the promotion of Deputy Principal, Brendan Carroll, as the new Principal of Reporoa College. Brendan leaves us at the end of the term and I am pleased to

announce that **Darren van de Wetering** will be joining us as Brendan's replacement. I would also like to take this opportunity to

welcome **Peter Young** to our school. Peter is taking on the Co-leadership of the Mathematics Department and is replacing Joanne Howell who is now the Deputy Principal.



The Community of Learning has also recently employed **Fiona McSherry (Waihi Beach School)** and **Kookie Koopu (Waimata School)** as Across School Leaders (ASL). Their role is to implement strategies and programmes across all of our schools that aim to improve the learning outcomes for students who are at risk of under achieving. Look out for more information in the local newspaper.

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster

of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki is a time to prepare; to learn, to share ideas, and to celebrate the future.

It was great to have **Mike King** in the school last week talking about mental health and giving students strategies to cope and support each other. Mike is always entertaining and thought inspiring.

The school **"Ball"** Autumn Nights was a spectacular success and the students looked outstanding in their gowns and suits. Congratulations to all those who gave up their time and energy to create an opportunity for others to enjoy. You are true citizens.

Over the past two weeks, we have had two groups of **Japanese** students visiting our school. Whilst only for a day each it was great to see the interaction between the students and the beginnings of friendships forming. Look out for opportunities to travel back to Japan over the next couple of years.

I also send a special welcome to any **new families** who have recently arrived in our district. Welcome to Waihi and Waihi College. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any concerns.

Alistair Cochrane

Mike King



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

Waihi College – He whakanui a Matariki, i te tikanga, i te reo, i te wairua me te iwi.
Matariki is a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people.

COLLEGE NEWS

The School Ball

The School Ball "Autumn Evening" was well attended on Saturday night. A big congratulations goes out to Nyah Frew and her committee for putting on a beautiful event.

The students danced all night long! Pippa Russel's media students put on some fantastic projection backdrops and Mrs Fitzgerald and her crew did the catering. A big thank you goes to the waiters, waitresses and kitchen helpers who worked very hard on the night and Jane, Matty, Wayne, Shannon and the office ladies for going the extra mile for me!

Sarita Carroll



The students involved have had some classroom teaching which involved making and delivering an outdoor education presentation on a specific topic. They have also ventured into different areas in the Kaimai ranges to complete tasks such as bivvy building, river crossing and camp cooking. Now they have completed their training they will need to plan and participate in a practice and final tramp.

Hannah Gifford

Careers Notice Board

A small group of students ventured to the Waikato University Open Day and found it very useful.

Upcoming Events:

6 June—University of Auckland Faculty of Medicine and Health Science trip.

8 June—Toi Ohomai Open Day

12 June—Victoria University presentation.

Roger Hunt

Chess

A group of Year 7 and 8 boys went to the first Power Chess

Duke of Edinburgh Award



Over the past month some of the students completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award have been participating in adventurous journey training weekends. These weekends have been aimed at the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.



Tournament at Hauraki Plains College on Wednesday 9th May. They played a series of round robin games against intermediate teams from other schools. This was the first chess tournament these boys had ever attended.

They did extremely well with Campbell Douglas coming first overall in the intermediate section and Braydon Burr coming second overall in the intermediate section. With the points the boys accumulated for the day the top four in the team have been invited to play at the Nationals. The team will be Campbell Douglas, Braydon Burr, Justus Chapman and Flynt Leigh.

Well done boys.

Michelle Sutton

COLLEGE SPORT

BOP Amazing Race



On Friday the 18th of May six year 8s (Lillie Tai, Tyla Millar, Riley Fisher-Peet, Max Baker, Ashton Mathers and Zach Pullen) went to Tauranga to compete in the Amazing Race, it was held at the Tauranga Domain.

The Amazing Race is a competition that schools around the Bay of Plenty compete in. There are lots of challenges and games there that you have to complete. Some of these games included bop it, croquet (Riley won the juggling part for us) operation, the lolly guess, one of the few challenges was the photo challenge and with our amazing team we won the \$50 subway voucher.

It is a great event and a cool experience.

By Riley, Lillie & Tyla

NZSS Inline Hockey Championships—19th May



Congratulations team! Placing 4th out of 10 teams at the NZSS In-line Hockey Champs in New Plymouth this weekend. We are very proud of you.

Big thank you to Manager Bonnie Milne and all of the parents that made this happen.

WC Cross Country – 22nd May

Fantastic Day for Cross Country. Big thank you to Mr Budgen who roped off nearly the whole course! and to his team who always make the day run so smoothly.

Results:

Year 7 Girls

Champion - Emily Davison (R)

Runner-up - Tiare Parker (A)

Year 7 Boys

Champion - Callum McKain (D)

Runner-up - Wes Cameron (E)

Year 8 Girls

Champion - Tyla Millar (R)

Runner-up - Jade Waite (E)

Year 8 Boys

Champion - Oli Mathis (R)

Runner-up - Max Baker (D)

Junior Girls

Champion - Kyla Walker (R)

Runner-up - Aria Waite (E)

Junior Boys

Champion - Aidon McKain (D)

Runner-up - Reegan Green (A)

Intermediate Girls

Champion - Tasmin Skinner (R)

Runner-up - Summer Perrin (R)

Intermediate Boys

Champion - Ben Hennessy (E)

Runner-up - Ashton Owen-West (A)

Senior Girls

Champion - Alexa Baldessari

Runner-up - Emily Croker (R)

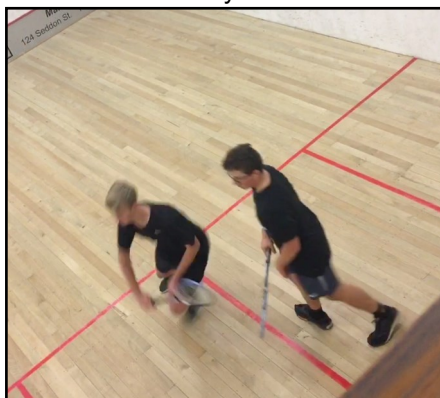
Senior Boys

Champion - Nils Winistoerfer (R)

Runner-up - Samuel Bayes (R)

Squash Championships – 29th May

Well done to everyone that entered.



Open Girls

Champion - Renee Ranger

Runner-up - Michaela Malone

Open Boys

Champion - Ryan Rogers

Runner-up - Nils Winistoerfer

Year 7 Boys

Champion - Braydon Burr

Runner-up - Dominic Vautier

Thames Valley Cross Country – 30th May



Congratulations to our athletes who ran at this event. Special mention to Ben Hennessy who placed 1st in the Intermediate Boys and Tasmin Skinner who placed 5th in the Intermediate Girls.

Gymnastics

SPOTLIGHT ON... Shilah Clothier



I'm a Step 6 Gymnast. I love gymnastics and I train 17 hours a week in Tauranga and I travel about one hour to get to my gym.

I do four hours each training and one five hour training in the weekend. Gymnastics is pretty much my life. I train all year round and I do about 6 competitions a year. The skills in my routines are a lot harder than last year but I have trained hard to get them.

My goals this year are to go to the Nationals again and hopefully go up to Step 7.

Rachael Hall

COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Signing In

A reminder to all Parents coming into the school you are required to sign in at the Front Office please.

Parent Alert

Season 2 of the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" has been released. While it raises some challenging issues (slut shaming, bullying, sexual violence and suicide) it does not appear to provide answers which may put vulnerable people at risk. Issues raised are representative of issues facing young people. It is an opportunity to talk to young people about these difficult events. It is important that these conversations are safe ones. www.mentalhealth.org.nz/gethelp/13-reasons-why/ offers some guidance to parents. Remember that suicide is preventable, we each have power to help those in need and that most people who feel suicidal will go on to recover and lead great lives. There is plenty of help available; Waihi College Counsellors; Roger Hunt and Esther Kuizinas 863 8349

Life line—0800 543 354

Free text 4357 (HELP)

Youthline 0800 376 633

Health Crises Team 0800 505 505 or phone 111.

Roger Hunt

Debating

On the 2nd of July, Waihi College will once again be taking on Katikati College, our rivals, at the second annual Waihi vs Katikati debating competition. It will be introduced as a part of the Waihi and Katikati Exchange; in the past, the exchange had only included sports, however it will now be open to both sports and academics.

Waihi College debating will be sending one junior team and one senior team to Katikati College to compete. Last year we were able to come away with a win, and we hope to do so again this year, so if you are interested in partaking then pop into B9 on a Wednesday at lunchtime and join the debating crew!

Sarah Keall

Favourite breakfast: The Big Breakfast from Ti Tree Café.

Primary school: Central

Scariest moment: Still waiting for that!

Goals: Getting calf muscles like Dr Ruttersmith.

How do you relax: Having a conversation with a friend.

What superpower would you like to have: Flight

Do you have a motto you live by?

Take Every Opportunity. (Ross Cooper)



Name: Aoife Hennessy

Position: Academic Leader

Favourite subject: History

Role models: My Family!

Favourite breakfast: Anything with berries or Weetbix

Primary school: Waihi Beach

Scariest moment: My friends and I were getting off a bus in Germany but just before I got off, the door closed and I was stuck in there as it pulled away! As I couldn't speak German I just banged on the 'stop' button and thankfully it stopped just up the road.

Goals: Travel, to see more of the UK and Europe.

How do you relax: I like to swim and read. (but not at the same time)

Favourite Year at school so far: I loved Year 12, especially the South Island trip.

What superpower would you like to have: Manipulate time

Do you have a motto you live by? "You are not the opinion of someone who doesn't know you"

Waihi Youth Centre

Cnr Mueller St and Kenny St

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm

For all Year 6—13 students

Upcoming Events

June

8th	Mufti Day
8th	Toi Ohomai Open Day
12th	Victoria Uni Visit Y13
14th	L3 Chemistry Visit to Gold Mine
15th	Fieldays Visit (JRe)
15th	TV Golf
17th	Int Visit to Cathedral Cove
19th	Boulton Cup
19th	L3 Chemistry Visit to Gold Mine
20th-23rd	Wellington Art Trip
20th	BOP Y7/8 Zone X Country
20th	Girls with HiVis Careers Day
24th-25th	L3 O/D Ed Bush Walk
26th	BOP Y7/8 Inter X Country
29th	Subject Teacher & Parent Interviews
29th	Waikato Rippa Finals

July

2nd	Katikati Sports Exchange
2nd	Taiwan Sister School Visit
5th-6th	Spirit Days
5th-6th	Waikato Culinary Fare
5th	1st XV Rugby
6th	End of Term 2

Headzup

Behind most of the activities and events around our school, you will find our Student Leaders working hard to represent the interests of the rest of Waihi College. Find out what makes two of them tick.



Name: Abraham Thompson

Position: Head Boy

Favourite subjects: Chemistry and Calculus

Role models: Martin Luther King Jr., Ross Cooper, and Mike King (Uncle).