

# Waihi College Newsletter



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



The past few weeks have been extremely busy at Waihi College. International groups from Japan, China, Korea and Taiwan have all come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who have been involved in any capacity. It is my view that sharing cultures helps us to understand each other better and hopefully lessen the risk of conflict in the world. Thank you for opening your homes and your hearts to promote our unique 'Kiwi' culture and hospitality. Whether it be educational, financial, emotional, cultural or experiential, we all win from such exchanges. By the time you read this there will be only 4 school days before our end of year **Internal Practice Exams (September 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>)** and 30 school days before the **External NCEA Exams. (November 7<sup>th</sup>– 30<sup>th</sup>)**. If you haven't already it is now time to set your priorities firmly on preparing for and achieving a qualification. Put aside some of the extra things you do and focus on your studies. I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity. This week a number of our sport teams have been away at the National Secondary School Sports Tournament's, which are

being hosted at different venues. It is always an honour to represent our school and I applaud the commitment these young people, staff and parents have made to prepare and compete against the best our country has to offer. Regardless of the results be proud and stand tall as our role models. Kia kaha!! I am always proud of the way our Waihi students perform with passion, pride and skill. (some times against the odds).

Special congratulations to our Junior Boys and Senior Girls Basketball teams and the Boys Football team who all have recently won respective competitions.

Good luck to our Year 7/8 students who head off to the Aims Games in Tauranga next week. Yes you can wear your team hoodies to school on Friday this week. Always play to win, play with passion and commitment but do it with style and grace. Be the best you can be.

A very warm welcome to our new Arts Coordinator, Wendy Shave.

I am delighted that spring has sprung and the 'big shiny thing' in the sky is spending more time with us. Hopefully the chills of winter get chased away by the sun that is warming our backs!

*Alistair Cochrane*



## Hospitality Champions



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

**Waihi College – Whāia te iti kahurangi. Ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.**

**Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.**

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Hospitality Championships

More great results from our clever culinary kids and sensational teacher this month! As usual it was another big day that involved dedication and perseverance, but as always - a lot of fun was had and most importantly, a fantastic experience for all involved. We came home with 9 bronze 6 silver and 1 gold. Fantastic effort!

*Wendy Shave*

### NCEA Practice Examinations

NCEA practice examinations will take place from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. There is no study leave for these examinations and students will be expected to be in class completing their learning unless they are attending an exam. Once completed they will return to class. Please support your son/daughter in developing a study programme and encourage them to have the best preparation for the examinations.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place for all year levels on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This will involve reflecting on the learning that has taken place to date and planning for the rest of the year and into 2019.

**This is also the time for NCEA course confirmation for Years 10 – 12.**

Bookings for the parent teacher interviews can be made at [waihicollege.schoolpoint.co.nz](http://waihicollege.schoolpoint.co.nz)

using your son/daughters unique log in and password. Please click on 'conference' and book a time that is convenient for you. If you are unable to book online, please contact Sue in reception (07 863 8349) who will make the booking for you.

*Joanne Howell*

### Shave For A Cure

We have a fantastic event coming up on September 20<sup>th</sup> in support of Leukemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Many brave souls with big hearts are shaving their locks to raise money and awareness for this great cause.

Go to [www.shaveforacure.co.nz](http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz) and search Waihi College in the teams section to donate, or come along on the night with a gold coin. The event starts at 6.30pm and will be held in the College Hall. We have several teachers and students embracing the shave, so come along, have some fun and show your support.

### Host Families

Waihi College is looking for more host families!

We have students coming from lots of different countries next year, and they are all very keen to enjoy the wonderful lifestyle and experience New Zealand and its lovely people can offer.

There are both long term and short term stays available, so if you've always considered hosting, but just weren't sure where to start, let's talk!

You can contact Wendy on 07 863 8349 or 0204 031 2024 or email us at [wendys@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:wendys@waihicol.school.nz) for more details.

Host Family Payments Apply.

### Kapa Haka

Our fabulous Kapa Haka group "Te Ara Poutama" is heading to the Hauraki Festival on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Our group has around 30 students spanning Years 7 to 13 and these kids have some serious skills. The Hauraki Festival is a great event and one where I'm sure we will shine.

### Coming Up

There are lots of great things happening in the arts and cultural areas of the College right now. Make sure you check out and like "The Arts Waihi College" on Facebook for updates and photos. We have a lot of talented kids and passionate and dedicated teachers – it's a winning combination – so let's celebrate them!

We have had some amazing drama trips, including a trip to Mrs Krishnan's Party earlier in the term, which was a huge success. We hope to do more drama trips as the year winds to an end.

*Wendy Shave*

### Pacific Coast Food And Beverages Trip

On the 14<sup>th</sup> August our Food and Beverage Students went on a trip to Pure Bottling in Tauranga with tutor, Amanda and Rachael. It was a fascinating insight into a small New Zealand Company that is bottling numerous drinks for other New Zealand Companies, big and



small. They got to sample some of the non-alcoholic beverages, see the production lines in action and ask the managers questions regarding the business. Another interesting part of the tour was seeing the big vats of liquid sugar that is made and then tankered out to the many bee keepers around the country.

### Gateway Events Management Course

A group of 8 Year 12 and 13s were lucky enough to attend a 3 Day Events Management Course in Hamilton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The team from schools across the Waikato had to put their heads together to think of an event, then work through an action plan to organise the whole event. On the Friday they held a Fun Day Friday at the Radius Care Rest Home, which included music, board



games, food and gifts for the residents.

They then held a debrief to go over what had worked and what had not across the 2 groups, being the dementia and non dementia wards. It was a very insightful and valuable course for all involved.

*Rachael Hall*



## COLLEGE SPORT

### WC Junior Badminton

Junior Girls Champion – **Elizabeth Mercer**

Runner Up – **Jaynie Eruera-Bishop**  
Junior Boys Champion – **Daniel Su**  
Runner Up – **Jason Yeh**

### BOP Basketball Junior Championships

Well done to our Junior Boys and girls basketball teams that both performed well at this tournament. A great build up to Junior Prems in September.

### Battle in the Bay Cheerleading

Waihi College Cheer Teams favourite colour.

**GOLD GOLD GOLD GOLD GOLD**  
Congratulations Team for winning the scholastic division!!!

Good luck for AIMS Games and the



Nationals in October.

Thank you to Coach, Brian Armstrong. Also big thanks to new manager/problem fixer Tash Smith, you rock.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby Final

Congratulations on our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team for making the TV final this season. Unfortunately they went down to a very strong Paeroa side. A big thank you to all of the coaching staff and parents for making it a successful year.

### Reporoa Basketball Exchange

A big thank you to all of those that took the day out to help us with a very successful Reporoa Basketball Exchange for the Year 7/8 Girls & Boys and Junior Girls.

Hayley Ashby, Ali & Baz Howie, Ryan Simmonds, Phil & Pauline

Davison, Donna Walker.

Thank you also to the McKains for their support on the sideline, Allison Mathers for her work behind the scenes and all the parents that got the kids to school on time!

Also big thanks to Wiki Rawiri for coming down to be our referee for the day.

### TV Junior Badminton

Congratulations to **Daniel Su** TV Junior Boys Badminton Champion 2018.

### TV Girls Football Championships

An unusually dreary and wet day for the girls champs this year. Great to see this young team and their young coach, Emma Polley working together.

Although the final outcome was only 5<sup>th</sup> place, the football played throughout the day was well worth the travel to Mercury Bay! Awesome work girls!

### Te Wharekura O Mauao & Whangamata Basketball Exchange



Another fantastic day of basketball on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> saw our Junior Teams and Senior Girls have great hit outs before prems with these two schools. Thank you to all of the players, parents, managers and coaches who made this happen.

### Year Y7/8 TCBA Intermediate Basketball Finals



Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Girls and Boys A Basketball Teams who both won Bronze in their grade finals last night in the TCBA Intermediate League. There was some great teamwork across both of these games, and everyone was focused to get a medal. Good luck for AIMS!

### TV Boys Football Championships

Waihi College 1st X1 attended the Thames Valley Tournament in Katikati on the 28<sup>th</sup> August and came out over all winners, bringing home the trophy!

The trophy that has been engraved since 2004 had yet to have the



Waihi name on it.

A penalty shootout was needed to decide the outcome as Katikati and Waihi ended up on the same points and goal difference at the end of pool play.

Well done Coach Karl Budgen, Captain Aman Sandhu, who stood up to lead the boys with some senior players away on a ski trip, Tommy Steele who had a great day upfront, with an awesome left foot goal, and Jasper Olson who scored 4 goals in the last game.

Special mention also to the four Year 9/10 boys who got the call up to play. They all worked extremely hard on the field. Also to Rudy, Shane and Brent for their support on the day.

## COLLEGE SPORT NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Senior Girls TCBA Basketball Finals

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Basketball team who won gold in the TCBA Senior Girls B Grade Competition. Well done to Coach, Thomas Gardner, for starting his



coaching career with Waihi College with a team of girls including 4 that had never played before and coming out on top of the grade. A big thank you to managers; Hayley Ashby and Carolyn Graveson for their support through-out the season.

### Sports Awards Dates 2018

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Volunteers Evening

**31st October** - Sports Prizegiving Assembly

**1st November** - Sports Gala Awards Evening

### Upcoming Events

#### September

8th	Inter Waitomo/Rotorua Trip
9th	L1 O/E Tramping/Camping
10-14th	AIMS Games
10th	Massey Uni Visit
11th	Hospitality Trip
12-18th	Senior School Exams
12th	Drama/Te Reo Trip Y9/10
12th	Theatre Trip
13th	Shooting Competition
14th	Auckland Uni Visit
18th	Year 11 MCAT Exam
20-21st	L3 O/E Bush Walking
20th	Y7/8 Badminton Champs
20th	6.30pm Head Shave
22nd	Cheer Factor
23-2nd	Girls Japanese Exchange
26th	Talent Quest
26th	Otago Uni Visit
27th	TV Senior Volleyball
28-8th	Boys Japanese Exchange
28th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
28th	Otago Uni Planning
28th	End of Term 3
30th	Daylight Saving Starts

### Winter Tournament Week

Good luck to all of our teams attending Winter Tournament Week! We wish you all the best and hope you have a fantastic time!

*Rachael Hall*

### Trophies and Shields

The year is flying by and we are already preparing for prize giving 2018. If your child received a trophy or shield at prize giving last year, please return it to Shauna in the Student Centre as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

### Talent Quest

Our much anticipated and always fun event, the Waihi College Talent Quest, is nearly here! Students have been busy signing up to take part and readying their performances for the big night. This year will have extra surprises, spot prizes and of course, talent in spades! Come along to the College Hall on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm, bring a gold coin, and watch the talent unfold... You don't want to miss it!

### Waihi Miners Inline Hockey

Mighty Pucks—Learn to Skate

**When:** Wed 15 Aug to 19 Sept

**Time:** 5.00pm to 6.30pm

**Where:** Waihi Events Centre

**Cost:** \$20pp for 6 weeks

info@minersinlinehockey.co.nz

### Goldfield School Annual Quiz Night—Movie Magic

Movie themed tables, prize for best table. Come dressed as your favourite movie characters.

**Date:** Friday 7 September

**Cost:** \$60.00 per team

**Venue:** Memorial Hall, Paeroa

**Start Time:** Doors open 6.30pm,

first round starts 7.00pm

Raffles, spot prizes and gifts galore

Best dressed team prize

Book early as spaces are limited

Ph: 07 862 7172 or email

office@gfs.school.nz

**WAIHI TENNIS CLUB INC**

**OPENING DAY**

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1 PM

**TENNIS**

**WAIHI SPORTS & CYCLES**

ALL CURRENT AND NEW PLAYERS WELCOME  
NO CHARGE

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COME AND JOIN US FOR A  
GAME ON THE NEW COURTS.

SHANE, FROM WAIHI SPORTS & CYCLES  
WILL BE THERE WITH RACKETS TO TRY,  
BALLS AND LOTS OF ACCESSORIES

**OUTWARD BOUND**

**School Holiday Teen Course**

Our Explorer course is the ideal start to life's great journey for teens aged 14-15 years.

This seven day programme is designed to give you the skills - and friendships - to help you find a clear path for growth.

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

*“ I swapped social media for adventure, worries for quality chats with new friends and my comfort zone for some crazy and unforgettable experiences. ”*

**Key outcomes include:**

- Make friends and have fun
- Develop self-awareness and self-identity
- Increase confidence and motivation
- Experience success as a member of a team and develop team skills
- Develop an appreciation for the outdoors

**Upcoming course dates**  
Thurs 27 Sep - Wed 3 Oct  
Sun 7 Oct - Sat 13 Oct

To find out more get in touch on 0800 688 927

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