



Waihi College Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



There is a lot of recent attention about **'Measles'** and the MOE and DHB are working hard to try and keep on top of the outbreak. We have been asked to update our data base and at the time of writing this newsletter the data was as follows:

- 83 proof of being fully vaccinated
- **394 say they are vaccinated but we have no proof**
- **223 are either un-vaccinated or we don't know.**

Based on information from the MOE and DHB if we get an outbreak all those who cannot prove they are fully vaccinated may have to be quarantined (At home) including staff. If you have documentary evidence of immunization please urgently supply it to the College Office. (Sue or Susan)

16th September will be a busy day at Waihi College.

- All Year 9-13 will have Parent Teacher interviews. There will be no regular classes. To book an interview time see the email already sent home or ring Sue in the office if you need help.

Year 7 and 8 will have classes as usual.

By the time you read this there will be only 3 school days before our end of year **Internal Practice Exams (September 10th – 13th)** and 30 school days before the **External NCEA Exams. (November 8th – 29th)**. During the practice exams, if students

are not sitting exams they will be attending regular classes. There is no study leave. Please 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. (sometimes against the odds).

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. Stand Tall and Be Proud. Kia Kaha.

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

The Pin'd Fashion Extravaganza



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

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Fashion Extravaganza

Last month saw students from Year 7 to 13 enter into the Pin'd Fashion



Extravaganza held at Baycourt Theatre in Tauranga. They had been working on the garments in Mrs Hill's Textiles class and also in their spare lunchtimes and holidays. The themes varied from spots and dots through to rainbow people. The event is open to anyone interested.

Well done to Chilli Hill (Year 7) and Ivy Faucett (Year 13) who both came away with Highly Commended Awards on the night.

Andrea Hill

NCEA Practice Exams

NCEA practice examinations will be taking place next week, Tuesday 10th September to Friday 13th September. These examinations are an important indicator of where your child's learning is at for each of the NCEA external examinations taking place in November. Please support your son/daughter in preparing for the examinations by encouraging them to create a study schedule, attend additional school help or through online support websites.

Please note that classes will be running as normal during the examination period and that students are expected to attend every day even if they do not have an examination on that day. Students must wear correct school uniform for the examinations.

Jo Howell



Level 2 and 3 Building and Construction

Peter Roy's Level 2 & 3 Building



and Construction class are making sheds with all timber and supplies sponsored by Goldpine.

Sheds are well under way and will soon be ready for sale.



Linley Goes to the World Champs

Linley McKenzie was selected to be a member of the combined BOP/ Christchurch team for Dragon Boating representing New Zealand at the 14th IDBF World National Champs in Thailand, competing against 29 other countries.



Rafting



On Tuesday September 30th Miss Gifford and Mr Budgen took 22



students white water rafting at Kaituna Cascades Rafting Company in Rotorua. They had an epic trip down the river including a 6m waterfall drop. The students had to complete some task on the river including a capsizing. After rafting they had lunch in Te Puke, then a



hot swim at Oropi.

Hannah Gifford



COLLEGE SPORT

TCBA League



Congratulations to our Junior A Girls who got a Silver Medal in the TCBA league.



Also congratulations to Zeta Schuler and Hayley Morgan who made the All Star 5 team.

Congratulations to our Junior Development Boys who won their

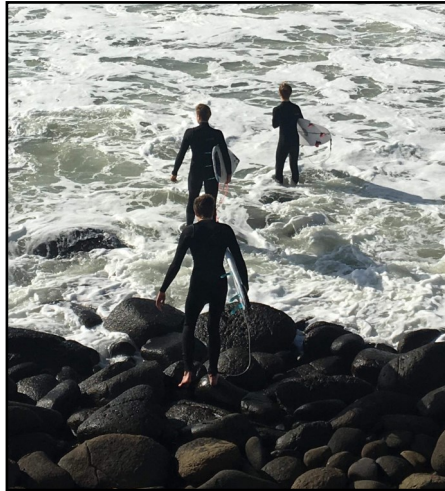


grade in the TCBA league. Big thank you to Coach, Rayden Milanesi, Manager, Shar Hutchins and to all the parents who supported the boys this season.

Surf Championships

This year Waihi College entered a team into the NZ Schools Surf Champs. It was held in Raglan on 6th-9th August. Waihi College entered: Kalani Smith, Lukas Le Beigge, Constantein Sieve, Zac Pullen and Noah and Roman Harries. The boys were all entered into their age groups either Under 14, Under 16 or Under 18. They were competing against the best

surfers from different schools around the country.



The surf conditions were horrific with 6 metre swells and huge currents ripping through. A few of the boys hadn't ever surfed in Raglan before and surfing off the rocks is a lot different than surfing at a beach break. All our boys did really well and braved the huge swell and got out there. Both Kalani and Zac made it through to the second round.

They had a lot of fun outside of the surfing too with shared dinners and skating down at the skate park.

Our boys all did really well as it was way out of their comfort zone!!

1st XV Rugby

This year was an awesome year for the team as we came 3rd place which was a big achievement from last year. We had a lot of young



players in our team and the purpose of this year was to develop the team for next year but still try and take out the competition. We started well with a full squad but due to lack of commitment and injuries we lost the semi final. We persevered by finishing our season off on a high note and winning our last game. We beat Paeroa 19-17 for 3rd place. This was also a good

way for the Year 13s to finish off their high school rugby. I believe that in the future Waihi 1st XV will be one of the up and coming teams.
Mahonri Koopu - 1st XV Captain

Football

The football season has now come to an end and with it we have had some successful results and some results we can learn from in years to come. The 7 and 8 team have played well in the BOP league considering the slow start they had to the year. They came 2nd in Division 4 only one place behind the winners. Special thanks to Flop for stepping up to coach the team along with Emma. Your commitment and enthusiasm to help the boys over the year has really been appreciated.

The 1st XI Girls have had a tuff year playing in the Waikato 4th Division. They have struggled with numbers but were always prepared to play every game and enjoyed some wins along the way as well as coming 3rd at the TV tournament. A big thank you to Emma Roberts for giving up her time to coach the girls over the



long season.

The 1st XI Boys have continued to show positive development and have again won their league in 2019. Competing in a tuff Division 3 it has not gone all their way but strong performances towards the end of the season has helped them to come out on top ahead of HBHS. They lost the Thames Valley tournament on a countback to Thames, but the boys can be very proud of their efforts over the season. Special thanks to Shane Hamerton for helping out with the goalkeepers and Rudy Sas for all the time and effort you put into football at Waihi College. A big thank you must go to Matty Matich for all the work you put into keeping

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our fields looking fantastic and Jason Ulrich for refereeing games across all the teams.

Both the 1st teams have the Waikato 5 aside on the 14th of September so have a chance to finish off the year with another high. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of football at Waihi College, we look forward to your support in 2020.

Under 15 Rugby Team

Finals day exceeded our expectations with over 300 spectators anxiously watching, waiting for Waihi College vs Coromandel Area School U15 to come face to face in the grand final. With both teams desperately wanting to take out the title we were all feeling the pressure. Matt and Wok had prepared us well, now it was up to the team to pull together and give it our all.

The referee blew his whistle; it was game on! Fifteen minutes in we're 2 tries up with 14-0 on the score board. Suddenly things start taking a turn for the worse with Coromandel fighting back. One of

our players saw blood and was carried off the field, then another



leaving us with a side of 16 players to finish the first 35 minute half. The half time score 24-12 to Waihi and another player stood down leaving us with no reserves and a strong Coromandel side. Second half Coromandel put up a good battle but our skill, stamina and hunger was above the robust Coromandel boys. The final whistle was finally blown and a well earned 58-27 score board left the Waihi College U15 boys with a well earned, true taste of rugby VICTORY!

Jakob & Aidon McKain

Mobile Dental Unit

The Mobile Dental Unit will be at Waihi College from Monday 2 September 2019.

(We are closed during the school Holidays)

According to Waikato District Health Board policy we will be booking children in by appointment and parents will be sent a text message 2-3 days prior. This gives the parents the opportunity to attend the appointment. If you do not wish to or are unable to attend, your child will be brought over from class, as has occurred in the past. Could all parents please help us by signing and returning any dental forms you may see in your child's bag as soon as possible to either the school office or mobile dental unit.

We also see pre-school children. Please give us a call to make an appointment.

Thank you
Mobile Dental Unit
ph 021 359 798



Cups! Cups! Cups!

As our end of year prize-givings are coming up please return all cups and trophies for cleaning/repair to the Student Centre in readiness to award this year.

Shauna Wiltshire

Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Salvation Army Carpark, Waihi on Wednesday 9th October —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.

Please note clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

Energy Drinks

Countdown has introduced an age restriction on energy drinks from Monday 2 September, which means that customers will need to be 16 years or older to buy these products in our stores.

New Zealand has the third highest obesity rate in the OECD. Energy drinks are not recommended for children, and they have to carry a warning on the can or bottle saying this. Countdown talked with a range of health leaders and overwhelmingly, the feedback we received was that when it came to children's health, restricting the sale of energy drinks would make an important and meaningful impact. Specifically it was the combination of high-sugar, high-caffeine, serving sizes and the fact that energy drinks are often consumed on the way to school that was highlighted to us.

So from Monday 2 September, our team may ask anyone who looks under 16 for their ID.

Upcoming Events

September

1st-8th	Winter Tournament Week
9th-18th	Aims Games
10th	Waikato Uni Planning
10th-13th	Practice Exams
15th-16th	13 OUT Tramp Assessment
16th	Y9-13 Teacher Only Day
16th	Teacher Interviews
17th	Hamilton Culinary Trip
18th	TV Snr Volleyball Champs
19th	12OUT Mountain Bike Assessment
19th	MCAT L1 Examination
19th	Save The Date Careers Day Y12-13
21st-22nd	International Students Trip
22nd-23rd	11 OUT Tramp Assessment
24th	Y7 & 10 Vision Testing
25th-27th	Spirit Days
25th	Head Shave
27th	End of Term 3
29th-4th	NZSS B/B Nationals
October	
14th	Start of Term 4

PRACTICE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2020			
	Time	Level 1	Level 2
Tue 10 Sept	1:00pm - 4:00pm	English (74) (bee keepers go to bees)	
Wed 11 Sept	9:00am - 12:00pm	Drama (10) English (11 beekeepers)	Physics (22)
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Food Tech (20) Accounting (4) Spanish (1)	Biology (26)
Thu 12 Sept	9:00am - 12:00pm	Science (65)	Accounting (3) History (12)
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Geography (28)	Drama (9) Geography (20)
Fri 13 Sept	9:00am - 12:00pm	MCAT (42)	Chemistry (23)
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	History (11) Japanese (2)	English (50)

*Aston Churcher will complete L1 **ENGLISH** on THURSDAY am

*Haille Strange, please note change to **SPANISH** examination from am to pm slot.

* Level 3 Te Kura **CALCULUS** (Aidan, Jamie, Jack and Sam) 27th August in B14 (ESOL Room)

*Level 1 and 2 **TONGAN** (Ana, Misele, Nai) 27th August in B14 (ESOL Room)

Antipodeans



Waihi College Peru Expedition December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Waihi College is excited to announce the launch of another Antipodeans Expedition, this time to Peru departing in December 2020! Open to all current Year 10, 11 and 12 students, this once in a lifetime Expedition gives your child the opportunity to embrace the world beyond the classroom whilst developing skills of leadership, resilience and mindfulness.

Peru Expedition Highlights!

- Contribute to a sustainable, hands-on community service project aligned with UN Global Goals.
- Participate on an adventurous team trek through ancient Inca Trails with breathtaking scenery.
- Discover vibrant markets in Cuzco and Arequipa, visit the floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca and take a photo of a lifetime while exploring the lost city of Machu Picchu.

I would like to invite you and your son to a dedicated presentation where we will discuss the Expedition and its benefits, the pre-departure program, safety and back-up procedures, fundraising support and answer any questions you have about this unique and rewarding educational opportunity.

Tuesday 10th September, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, Staffroom at School
PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE INFORMATION EVENING VIA THE LINK BELOW:

www.tinyurl.com/waihiperu

What do students gain?

An Antipodeans Expedition is first and foremost 'student-led'. Facilitated by a highly qualified Antipodeans Leader, students are encouraged to work together to manage the team budget, accommodation, transport and meals throughout their journey accompanied by 1 or 2 teachers. This drives students to make real-world decisions, take responsibility for their actions; and in the process, develop vital life skills. Guided by an expert support team and leader, students gain a true appreciation of their host country, learn to work together as a team, become 'global citizens' and of course, have the time of their young lives!

About Antipodeans

The Expedition is managed by student travel specialists, Antipodeans, who bring over 28 years' experience in conducting high school Expeditions through 30+ developing countries and with whom Waihi College travelled to Nepal in December 2018.

You can read more about Antipodeans' Peru Expeditions online at: www.antipodeans.com.au/peru

Rewarding, hands-on community service projects are the central focus of this Expedition. Antipodeans' carefully selected projects are sustainable and safe, provide local employment and are created in consultation with local communities, many of whom have been working with Antipodeans for a number of years.

This is truly an experience of a lifetime that we encourage you to find out more about! If you have any difficulty registering for the event, please don't hesitate to contact us using the details below.

Warm regards,

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