

Waihi College Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Welcome back to Term Four 2019. The year is rushing by and by the time you read this there will be only 11 school days before the **External NCEA exams** start. (**November 8th–December 3rd**). 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.

The Board of Trustees have been busy and have actioned a survey to gauge parental feedback (See the link below). I encourage you to participate and contribute to the Board's thinking about different aspects of school life.

The Board have also had a robust discussion this year about the negative aspects and impacts of cell phone use at

Waihi College. They have decided to apply a **cell phone BAN** during school hours from the start of 2020. We ask that parents support this decision and encourage students to leave their phones at home during school time. We are currently developing strategies to manage phones if they do appear during school time. Look out for more information as the year progresses.

Looking back at **Spirit Days** at the end of last term it was great to see staff and students alike getting into the spirit of the events and having fun together. Special congratulations to Dominion House for their overall victory and Amaranth for winning the lip synch. Also congratulations to Neisha Mayor, Sam Bjerring and Kane Curtis who were awarded the students who showed the most "spirit".

I am looking forward to seeing the 'big shiny thing' in the sky on a more regular basis and enjoying the long summer balmy evenings.

Alistair Cochrane

Waihi College Board of Trustees Parent and Caregiver Survey



Kia ora Waihi College whanau!

As your newly elected Board of Trustees, we thought we'd ask you a few simple questions on how you feel we are tracking with your tamariki's learning experience at Waihi College. We really value your input and would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to let us know what you think. Our survey is very quick and easy to complete and there's even a prize draw for a \$100 college canteen voucher for one student of a parent or caregiver who completes it! Our goal is for every mother, father and caregiver to let us know their thoughts, it only takes a tick, we promise!

Nga Mihi

Link: <https://forms.gle/1zxmd6tiiQdwrRyr5>

The survey is also available on the Waihi College website.

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

Waihi College – E huri tō aroaro kit e rā, tukuna tō ataarangi ki muri I a koe.
Turn and face the sun and let your shadow fall behind you.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cultural Prize Giving

Next Thursday the 24th October is the Cultural Prize Giving where our kids who have excelled in Art, Drama, Music, Culinary, Kapa Haka and Textiles are celebrated and awarded their trophies for their hard work throughout the year.

Doors open at 6pm and the audience will enjoy the visual displays and performances for around an hour while dining on our culinary student's award winning nibbles.

The awards will be presented from 7pm onwards. Everyone is welcome.

Wendy Shave

atmosphere at the school for those three days and it's so great to see everyone get involved in many different ways – eating competitions, singing, dancing, races galore and plenty of colour and mess.

We are proud to say that Kane Curtis won the Jodi Alsdorf Shield for the Senior With The Most Spirit and the Emilie Silberer Cup for the Junior With The Most Spirit was shared this year between Neesha Mayor and Sam Bjerring. Dominion House won the most points over the Spirit Week period this time – well done!

Wendy Shave

Back to the Future!

As we enter Term Four, everyone is thinking about their next steps and what they need to do to make that easier.

Junior Classes: (and most particularly Year Ten!): Beef up your basic skills! Make sure you are using your ENGLISH PERFECT program in AND out of class time.

Year 9 and 10 should make full use of their "Action English" books. If you are confident with your basic skills before next year starts, then you can concentrate all your efforts on the exciting new things you will be learning.

Senior Classes: Check over your revision notes before you go on exam leave, and speak with your teacher if you feel that you need anything else. We have LOTS of material for you. Most importantly - don't forget the STUDY TIME website – written for you by NZ students. It has movies, notes, cheat sheets- everything you could possibly want.

Remember that the teachers will be here at school as usual – please check in with us from time to time and allow us to support your exam preparation. You are NOT alone!

Jacqui Barrow

Spirit Days

Spirit Days last term were (as always) a huge success! Nothing makes a school join together more than watching teachers do a lip sync, students whack each other with pillows on the high beam and Year 13's pull the juniors around the gym in chariots made of sheets! It's always an amazing



COLLEGE SPORT

Equestrian - Dressage



On Wednesday 25th September we took a team to the Katikati Schools Dressage Competition.

This was the first time in over 15 years that we have been able to send a team to an Equestrian event!



Ava Johnston, Evah Carey, Daisy Burgess and Summah Mathers attended and represented their school with pride. It was a wild windy day and all of the ponys behaved well.

They all had a great day with both Summah and Daisy coming away with ribbons.

Basketball Nationals

Our Senior Boys basketball team attended small school nationals in



the first week of the holidays after placing 7th at Prems in September. It was a tough tournament as is

expected from Nationals and the boys competed hard coming away with 10th place, one better than last year.

A big thank you to Coach, Steve Atger and to Damon Taylor who came to support the team management and to all of the whanau who came all the way to Palmerston North to support!!

Swimming

Ciara Hennessy, Lillie Tai and Isitolo Hiliate representing Waihi



College at the NZSS Swimming in Hamilton last month. Swimming with NZ's fastest swimmers all three swam really well and came away with personal best times.

Squash

Finished your winter sport?

Want to stay fit?

Get squashing!

Starts Tuesday 22nd of October for 6 weeks.

Juniors straight after school – free!

Adults \$5 from 5-6.30pm

Text or call 022 340 1139 for more info.

Dot Carter



Cheerleading



Energy, agility and flexibility are just some of the many skills our Waihi College Cheerleaders needed for their last competition at the Battle in the Bay - but teamwork is the most important, and the girls definitely have that.

The team hit the floor with confidence and performed amazingly, they placed second bringing home silver metals. Congratulations girls.

Rachael Hall

Rugby Semi-Final This Weekend

The Thames Valley v Whanganui Heartland Rugby Semi - Final will be held at the Paeroa Domain this Saturday beginning at 2:00 pm. (Brett Ranga will be playing).

Shave for a Cure Photos



COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

More Spirit Day Photos



Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central Primary School, Waihi on Monday 4th November—9.00am—1.30pm.

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.



Thursday 31 October 2019

4:00pm – 7:00pm



Fun for the whole family

Corner Gilmore & Kenny St, WAIHI

Free Admission – Food – Music – Games

Competitions – Bouncy Castle – Rides and lots more

Come along in fun dress up,

Prizes for best dressed

Upcoming Events

October

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| 17th-18th | L2 O/D Ed Mountain Biking & High Ropes |
| 21st | 10Kauri Work Experience |
| 22nd | Health & Safety Course |
| 24th-25th | L3 O/D Ed Leadership Assessment |
| 24th | Cultural Awards Evening |
| 29th-30th | Outdoor Skills Overnight Assessment |
| 29th | 10Matai Work Experience |
| 30th | 10Miro Work Experience |
| 31st | 10Ponga Work Experience |
| 31st | Kapahaka Performance |
| 31st | Sports Prizegiving |

November

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| 1st-3rd | Cheerleading Nationals |
| 1st | 10Nikau Work Experience |
| 2nd | Hauraki Festival |
| 3rd-7th | PADI Dive Course |
| | International Students |
| 3rd | Vegetarian Festival |
| 4th | 10Kauri Work Experience |
| 5th | 10Matai Work Experience |
| 6th | 10Miro Work Experience |
| 6th | Senior Prize Giving |
| 7th | 10Ponga Work Experience |
| 8th-3rd | NCEA Exams |