



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Kia ora tatou  
Term Three is now in full swing and it is important that with all the craziness of Terms 1 and 2 with Covid 19 that all students settle quickly back into great work habits as the year draws

closer and closer towards end of year examinations.

The last couple of weeks of this term include NCEA Derived Grade Exams, Spirit Days and the School Ball so please try and balance your academic, sporting/cultural and social commitments. Remember success comes to those students who are organized and motivated to work hard to achieve their goals and I urge parents to also adopt this approach and encourage students to be at school at every opportunity.

In an attempt to ensure that all our students are given the best opportunity to achieve an NCEA qualification we have adopted the following approach:

- **NCEA Derived Grade Exams (Sept 14 -16):** Regular classes will operate whilst the practice exams are on. Only students actually involved in the scheduled exam will be out of class.

o (No exam leave for practice exams)

**NCEA External Exams:** Exam leave will be decided on a case by case basis when JHo/ KMo are confident that a student will gain

80 credits towards their relevant "NCEA level" qualification. All other students will be required to be at school and in class continuing to study.

A reminder of the following key events:

- **Term 3, Week 7 (31 August)** –NCEA Information Evening for all parents and students in Year 10-12. Students will be making indicative subject interests on the night and in the following days.

- **Term 3, Week 10 (25 September)** Teacher Only Day; school will be closed for instruction all day.

- **Term 4, Week 1 (12 October)** Course Confirmation day for students in Y10/11/12 for NCEA Options. No school for Years 7/8/9/13.

**Winter sport** is in full swing in a compressed season and I wish everyone all the best as you enjoy your sport. May the skill and team work that you learn throughout the season prepare you for the challenges ahead. Whether you win or lose do it with dignity and grace. Honor and respect your opponents for the skill and enthusiasm they brought to the challenge.

I send a special welcome to new students and their whanau who have arrived in our community over recent weeks and hope you are having a wonderful time and settling into our Waihi way. Enjoy the opportunities that are available in our school.

*Alistair Cochrane*

## Waitete Stream Pest Control



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



## COLLEGE NEWS

### Waitete Control



Students from 9Kereru and Waimata Primary School have implemented a Rat Trap Line along Waitete Stream. Students built the trap boxes, and then set the trap line last Friday.

After the first week of monitoring



the trap line, students have already had success with a number of rats being killed, collected and disposed of. 9Kereru and Waimata Primary will continue to monitor the trap line and collect data over the rest of the year.

*Ariana Te Wake*

### Board Of Trustees Waihi College

Kia ora koutou

Well what a year it has been so far!! The Board would like to firstly thank; Alistair, the Senior Leadership Team, all of the Teachers, Support Staff, Parents and, most importantly, the Students for the way in which you all have handled what has been a

challenging year to date. Behind the scenes the BOT has and continues to support Waihi College through good governance and by implementing action that is determined by students, teachers and the whole school community voice. It is with this in mind we would like to share with you all some exciting plans to improve our school environment.

**New Waihi College Website.** Communication between Waihi College and the wider school community is a priority so we will be launching a new school website soon. The intent is to make the Waihi College website more informative, providing for example, a dedicated sports page with all of the info, fees, coaches, code of conduct contacts etc. We would like our new website to be the best place to find out what is happening at Waihi College.

#### New Building Projects

2020 marks the start of Waihi College's new 5/10 year property plan cycle and the BOT, through consultation with you all, have proposed to the Ministry two major projects over the next 1-3 years. The first project will be the construction of new toilet facilities for our students. The second major project will be completely replacing D-block. Both of these projects, we hope, will enhance the environment for both Students and Teachers. You will also notice new signage up around the school shortly - these will also be a welcome addition.

We as a BOT encourage and welcome your feedback at any time, be it good or bad. For the students, you have a fantastic representative in Kyla on the board, so any ideas, just let her know.

*Nga Mihi*

*Peter Tai*

*Board Chair*

### Formal Wear Expo

Do you have ball or formal dresses, suits, ties, shoes or other formal wear taking up room in your closet? Would you like to get it out of your way and see it used for a good cause?

We are holding a Formal Wear Expo, to give people the opportunity to buy gently used formal wear at great prices for wearing to interviews, upcoming school balls

or any other formal event. All money raised will be going to a local cause too - so it's a win for everyone.

If you have anything you feel is suitable to donate, please drop it in to one of these lovely local business between now and the 27<sup>th</sup> August: Waihi College Reception, Sassie & Sadie, Audrey & Flora or Waihi Beach Primary School.

The Formal Wear Expo will take place in the Memorial Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> August from 11am till 2pm. More details to follow, but it will be a great event!

If you want to help or find out more, please contact Louise Young on

021 1254 228 /

[louisey@athleticswbop.org.nz](mailto:louisey@athleticswbop.org.nz) or

Wendy Shave on 0204 031 2024 /

[wendys@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:wendys@waihicol.school.nz)

### A Kind Gift

Recently the students of our Memphis Centre were gifted a set of kitchen utensils by staff member, Julz McCrea. As they unpacked them they discussed what each utensil was used for.



Thanks Julz.

### Short Story Competition

The "World Tales" competition is still open, This is an international competition for people between 12 and 18 years of age. Stories should be between 250 and 500 words long. The theme is 'Once Upon a Time in my Future'. Your story should be emailed to: [worldtales@unesco.org](mailto:worldtales@unesco.org) by the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. Your English teacher would be delighted to support you. More details from Mrs Barrow in B9. Year ten- you have just written some AMAZING stories, so we know that you can do it- why not give it a try?





## COLLEGE SPORT AND NEWS

### BOP Junior Basketball Championships – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July



Congratulations to our Junior Boys Basketball team who came 2nd in the A Grade of the BOP Junior Championships!

### OceanaGold Walrus Swim – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Kind of a Waihi thing to do... mid-winter swim in the Polishing Ponds! Well done to Hazel, Ruby, Amber, and Lucy. And congratulations to Ben and Isitolo for taking the Walrus trophy for 2020!

We look forward to this as an ongoing event.

### Badminton Championships

Well done to all of our students that have participated in the WC Badminton Champs over the last couple of weeks.

#### Results:

#### Year 7/8 Girls

1st - Olivia Malone  
2nd - Neesha Mayor  
3rd - Brooke Kelly

#### Year 7/8 Boys

1st - Lucas Hale  
2nd - Connor Ireland  
3rd - Aidan Butler  
4th - Luke Butler

#### Junior (Y9-10) Boys

1st - Toby van der Zwan  
2nd - Jackson Walker  
3rd - Romain Wiki  
4th - Sean Morrison

Junior (Y9-10) Girls  
No Entries

#### Senior Girls

1st - Michaela Malone  
2nd - Alexia Haimona  
3rd - Nikita Adams  
4th - Aston Churcher

#### Senior Boys

1st - Daniel Su  
2nd - Jay Culton-Mayor  
3rd - Dylan Gibson  
4th - Rahira Parker

Remember to check out all of our sports results on the Waihi College Sport Facebook page, and if you have any achievements or upcoming events please let us know.

Don't forget Sports photos on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August!!

*Rachael Hall*

### Jackson Pool

Huge congrats to our Cultural Leader Jackson Pool for landing a lead role in a New Zealand feature film called 'The Man She Weeps' – filming starts in October. Break a leg Jackson!



### Debating Club

On Friday lunchtimes in B9. Open to all year groups, for those with an interest in current affairs, those who enjoy arguing a point or just spending time with people from across the whole school. In addition to formal debates, we will be playing word games and discussing topics of interest. (Bring your lunch)

### Starlight Magazine

A link to the latest edition of Starlight has been sent to all students. This online magazine is written by young New Zealanders for young New Zealanders. It would be amazing to see some Waihi College students featured in the magazine, and if you would like some support please see your English teacher or Mrs Barrow in B9.

### Request from Mrs Hill Our Textiles Teacher

If anyone has any fabrics, patterns and bits n bobs for a dress for a girl they would like to donate to the Textiles Department we would really appreciate it. A big thank you to those who have already given fabric etc for the students to use.

*Andrea Hill*

### Science Roadshow

Recently the Science Roadshow came to Waihi College, below are some photos of the event.





## COLLEGE NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Message from Waikids Waikato Child and Youth Health

From the Dental Team for parents/caregivers of Year 8 students.

We wish to advise that we are unable to bring the Dental Unit to the College this year due to the length of time lost because of the Covid lockdown.

We apologise for the inconvenience but we would like to offer appointments to Year 8 students while we are situated at Waihi Beach Primary School.

This will be their last appointment before they are referred to a Dentist for dental care from Year 9 until the age of 18.

Please contact us on 021 359 798 if you would like your child to be seen prior to referral.

Thank you.

### Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central Primary School, Waihi on Friday 7th August and 10th September—12.00—1.30pm. Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door.

For these services:

- Glue 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.



### Free Student Exchange Live Online Information Session For Students and Families

Meet our staff, hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange, find out about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

**Thursday, 13th August at 9.30pm NZST**

Register now

Visit [studentexchange.org.nz/info-sessions/](http://studentexchange.org.nz/info-sessions/)

or call 0800 440 079 for more information.

### Kiwi and International Students

Join a South Island Tour with NZET in the October school holidays!

There is no better time than now to explore your own backyard.

Discover the best of the South Island with kiwis and international students including an incredible overnight boat experience in Doubtful Sound.

Student tours are our speciality! Find out more at

[www.nzet.com](http://www.nzet.com)

### Upcoming Events

#### August

7th	Y13 Health—Pat Buckley
7th	Y10 Careers—Tauranga
11th	TV Football—Girls/Boys
11th	Y9/10 Maths Mind Comp
12th	Anime & Aikido Day
12th	L3 Geo Hobbiton Trip
12th	Matariki Concert
13th	Sport & Cultural Photos
13th	TCBA Y7/8 B/B Tournament
17th	Y7 & 10 Vision Testing
19th	Boulton Cup
20th-21st	Y12 Leadership Course
20th	Otago University Visit
21st	Talent Quest
23rd-24th	L1 OED Overnight Tramp
24th	Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
31st	NCEA Information Evening

#### September

2nd WINTEC Visit

### Talent Quest

Waihi College are holding their annual Talent Quest on 21<sup>st</sup> August, doors open at 6pm. Entry is a gold coin at the door and there will be lolly bags to buy for \$2. Winners receive \$50 and the Supreme Winner \$100! Canteen vouchers for runners up and spot prizes for audience goers. Come along and support the kids and have a fun night. Everyone is welcome.

Wendy Shave



**Thames Driver Training**

WAIHI

**Defensive Driving Course**

Starts 10 August!

Starts 10 August—places limited, book now.

Reduce the time on your restricted licence and become a safer driver.

8 hours over 4x two hour evening group sessions plus 1 hour individual professional in-car tuition.

AA Defensive Driving Course NZTA approved certificate.

AA Bonus! E-drive online learning included free.

See our website or Facebook for bookings with Gavin Buchanan (AA Driving Instructor)

**W:** [thamesdrivertraining.co.nz](http://thamesdrivertraining.co.nz)

**F:** [thamesdrivertraining](http://thamesdrivertraining)

## Waihi College Talent Quest

**Friday 21st of August**

**Doors open at 6pm show starts 6:30pm**

**Gold coin entry at the door**

**lolly bags for sale \$2**

**Cash prizes for winners**

**Canteen vouchers for runners up**

**Spot prizes**

