



# Waihi College Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT



Welcome to the start of the 2020 school year. It is great to see everyone again after the summer vacation and I look forward to another awesome year here at Waihi College. I am very pleased with the way the school has

settled back into the school year although the heat is having an effect on us all. The majority of our classrooms have heat pumps which is making life a little easier to manage.

I send a special welcome to all new students and their families and also to new staff. It was great to see you all at the Powhiri on the January 31st.

### New Teaching Staff:

Ariana Te Wake	AP Learning Enabler
Angela Potter	Y7/8
Amanda Cook	TIC Mathematics
Matthew Hallam	Mathematics
Phoebe Buchanan	English/Social Studies
Paula Galey	Learning Support Coordinator

The school roll (**700ish plus 30 International Students**) is about the same as last year although we are still getting a final count sorted as we find out about new arrivals and those who have moved on. This always results in a few large classes etc. however, these issues will be sorted

Year Level	Number
7	108
8	116
9	107
10	96
11	116
12	117
13	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>

out over the next few days.

I was very pleased with the **2019 Examination results**. Approximately 85% of Year 11, 90% of Year 12 and 78% of Year 13 students, gained their respective NCEA level qualifications. These results are a strong improvement on 2018. I congratulate all students who achieved their respective NCEA goals.

Special congratulations to **Holly Elson Fisher, Aiden Roycroft, Amy Magyar and Jamie Mudford** who are the recipients of the Waihi Gold Company \$2000.00 scholarships and to **Jessica Jacob, Sam Bayes, Jack Schuler and Alana Bellamy** who have been offered a \$1000.00 Waihi Gold Company scholarship. Special thanks to Oceana Gold for allowing these extra scholarships to be presented this year.

The first term of any school year is filled with many opportunities for the students continue over

## The Waihi Gold Company Scholarship Recipients



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



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and two of the big events are upcoming. **"Athletics Sports (19<sup>th</sup> February)"** and **Swimming Sports (26<sup>th</sup> February)** These days are always a highlight. I encourage parents and caregivers to attend these sports days and support the students and inter-house competition. They are fun days and always result in some outstanding performances. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Coronavirus (nCoV) is creating concern in our community and I recommend that you keep yourselves informed using the official websites.

Waihi College is following both MOH (Health) and MOE (Education) Guidelines and we will communicate immediately we have concerns for the safety of students and staff within our school.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-china-2019-ncov>

If your child is displaying flu like symptoms please go to a medical professional and get an opinion before making a decision about whether your child should come back to school. We do not have any new Chinese international students and those that have travelled to China over the summer have been advised to stay at home for 14 days as per the MOH recommendations.

Get involved, work hard, have fun and you will reap the rewards.

*Alistair Cochrane*

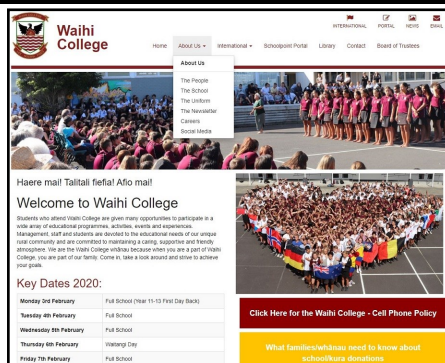
### Website and Facebook

We would like you to be as informed as possible with everything that happens in the school with our kids and classes, as well as opportunities available in the wider community. The best way to do this, is to follow our Facebook pages and keep an eye on our recently updated website.

On the website you will find links to all the current Facebook pages as well as a link to our Instagram accounts.

We have:

The Arts & Services at Waihi College  
Waihi College Instagram  
Waihi College Sports  
Future Pathways  
International  
International Instagram

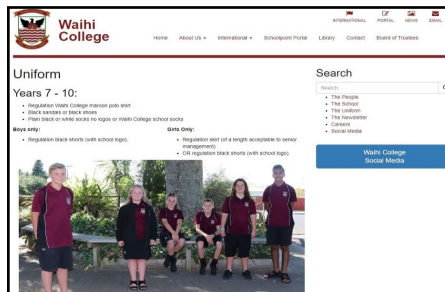


You can either follow each page and receive notifications directly, or just click on the link from the website and it will take you straight there. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the pages either - so it's super easy to keep informed.

The website has information regarding uniforms, key dates, teachers, the Board of Trustees and the new cell phone policy too, so please check it out. We are making more changes as we go - so make sure check in regularly.

<https://www.waihicol.school.nz/>

For any queries you have regarding uniforms - please head to the



website and you'll find all the information you need regarding uniforms for all year levels. Head to the 'About Us' tab and it's in the drop down menu. Any other queries, give the office a call.

*Wendy Shave*

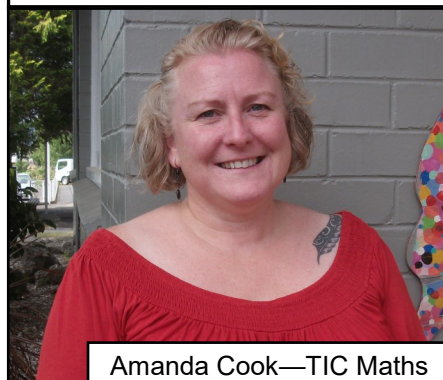


Paula Galey—LSC

### New Staff



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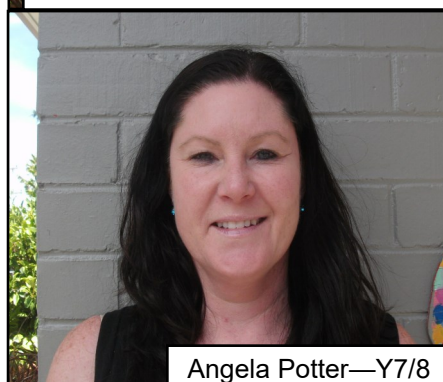
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## COLLEGE SPORT

### Squash Lessons

Squash lessons FREE!

If you want your child to get the opportunity to learn squash this season, it is free!

Just phone or text Kaylea on 0223 401 139

Or send a message to the Waihi Squash Club Facebook page.

Dot Carter

### Athletics

The Colegate Games happen at the beginning of January.

Congratulations to Tisharn Field



who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in High Jump, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the shotput and the 100m sprint.

### Touch

The Northern IPS Touch Championships were held on Anniversary weekend again with a lot of our young athletes competing for Thames Valley.

This year the U12's were the highlight of the tournament, they



came away undefeated until the final against Te Tai Tokerau. Congratulations on the Silver Medal!

Waihi College athletes were Mahe North, Pou August, Johnston Col and Rylee Morgan.

### Basketball

Congratulations to all of our athletes that competed at the NZ Maori Basketball Championships in

Rotorua in January for Hauraki. Some very hard fought games, lots of skill shown and lots of fun had by all.

Awesome effort by the U15 girls to take away a Silver medal. The first time a Hauraki team has placed. Too many students involved to name them all, keep up the good mahi, and good luck in your basketball this year.

### Rowing

The Church sisters Ruby and Amber have continued to improve



in their sport of Rowing, with the third, Hazel now joining the fold. Over the summer they have competed at the NICC regatta with Hazel and Amber coming away with Bronze medals.

Check out the Waihi College Sports FB page for information on giving Rowing a go!

### Equestrian

A photo of Izzy Faber and Chopper



over the summer competing at the Sand pit and having a great time.

### Waka ama

Waka ama is the fastest growing sport in NZ at the moment and Waihi College has a few paddlers beginning to enjoy the sport.

Chilli Hill and Dakota Cardie raced their first National sprint event this

year at Lake Karapiro in front of an expected crowd of 9000 people, they did well in all their races and reached the semi-finals in one of



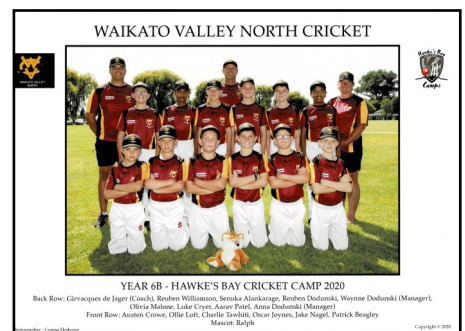
their events.

They were joined by Alexis Hughes on Waitangi Day for a fun day of sprints over in Hamilton.

Waka ama is a summer sport and we expect to see a growth of participants next season. Anyone interested get in touch with Mrs Hill at the College.

### Cricket

Congratulations to Olivia Malone who made the Waikato Valley North Cricket team. Over the summer they travelled to the Hawkes Bay to spend 4 days playing cricket. They played 6 games over the 4 days at the Riverbend 6B Camp. 3 of these games were played on grass which was a new experience for them all.



They won 3 out of their 6 games, there were lows and highs for all of them but they all played with great heart and cricket spirit. Well done!

*Apologies to anyone else that has been busy over the summer that I haven't mentioned! Remember to send me updates of what you are doing!*

### Winter Sports

Winter sports trials will start happening soon, keep your eye out in the notices, on FB and the sports

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noticeboard for details and dates!  
Anyone interested in coaching this season please contact me at [rachaelh@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:rachaelh@waihicol.school.nz)  
Rachael Hall

### International News

**Haere mai** to our 17 new international students who have travelled from Germany, Switzerland and Japan to be with us. We very much look forward to:



Connecting Families – Sharing Cultures – and Improving Learning as we make new friendships and life-long memories.

Following our powhiri last Friday, we joined the Waihi Beach Surf School for an introductory surf lesson. For many, this was their first time and conditions were perfect. On Saturday morning, we travelled



to Maratoto for the inaugural *International Kiwiana Orientation Camp*. Loads of fun was had with



this awesome group of students. Seeing the Starlink satellites as we were sitting around the campfire certainly added an extra bit of excitement!

### Name All Uniform

Every year there is uniform in the lost property that we are not able to return to its' owner because it is not named. Please name all uniform **clearly**. Also, check from time to time that names haven't worn off.

### Appointments

If a student has a dental or doctors appointment they must sign out and in at the Student Centre. They then either hand in their appointment card or take a slip from the Student Centre to be signed by the receptionist at the Medical Centre or Dentist.

## Thames Driver Training



Waihi based driving lessons every week.

Waihi Defensive Driving Courses (next one starts 13 March)

See: [thamesdrivertraining.co.nz](http://thamesdrivertraining.co.nz)

for more info and Waihi bookings.

Ph 07 8685581 or 027 2686381

(Gavin) or 027 2686380 (Kim)

### Free Mobile Ear Treatment Service

At Waihi Central Primary School, Waihi on Monday 6th March—9.15am—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.

### Upcoming Events

#### February

12th	Tennis Championships
18th	TV Tennis Champs
19th	W/C Athletics
25th	Y7/8 Swimming Champs
26th	W/C Swimming Champs

#### March

1st	Class & Individual Photos
4th	TV Athletics
6th	W/C Triathlon

### Procedure for Payment of Accounts

- **All money (cash/cheques) must be placed in a sealed envelope (recycled is fine).** On the front of the envelope **print** in full the students **name and exact amount** of money for the fee charged and what the payment is for. Enclose any **Permission Slip**.
  - The envelope should then be **placed in the Postal Slot** at the Student Centre.
- An example of information to appear on the envelope:-

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_ (Print your name)

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of trip / activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipts are only printed on request.

