



# WAIHI COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2 | 2024

[www.waihicol.school.nz](http://www.waihicol.school.nz)

### WAIHI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS: RESULTS COMING SOON!



**You can download all our photos from our Waihi College Dropbox account:  
head to the School Photos section of our website under Keeping Informed.**

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL AND CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE**



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau,

How fabulous it has been to have the sun out for Swimming sports! We have seen some of our highest numbers both competing and participating this year, which has seen our school spirit soar. It is so fantastic to see our students out there, in whatever capacity, gaining house points for their respective houses and cheering on their mates. Massive thanks to Ms Gorecki, her team, and all the people behind the scenes which make these things happen - a huge effort! We appreciate you!



This week we were fortunate to have our Ryder program kick off for our Year 12 and 13's. This gives our young people the opportunity to have a bit of a kickstart, and gain some of the knowledge they will need to eventually get on the road. I was particularly pleased with the feedback from the event coordinators, who made mention of the respectful and helpful manner in which our young people conducted themselves - well done team!

We were also fortunate enough to have many of our parents from our Year 7 and 8 waka attend our whanau hui last week. Thankyou to the teachers for presenting at this and opening the opportunity for whanau to ask questions - if you do have further questions please do reach out, as we would love to help!

We do have a bit of a bother that hopefully we can all band together on. There has been some destruction of property on site; our bathrooms, and a few doors have really been taken to. We are reasonably sure it's a small group of people, and the majority of us know how to be a kaitiaki (guardian) of our spaces. It is a bit of a mystery as to why hanging out in the toilets together is a 'thing', and how it might become an opportunity to briefly forget what being respectful looks like. Please help us, by chatting with your young person and reminding them that they can ask a teacher to help if they see something untoward in regards to our property being mistreated. Many thanks to you all.

Lastly, I hope you have had the chance to check out our website and calendar of events - this is being added too often. It pays to keep a close eye on the student notices and the calendar, both of which can be found in the parent portal.

Have a fabulous week to come! Always happy to hear from you, especially to let us know what is working well for your young person.

Nga mihi nui,

Briar

### THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE SPONSORS



**Aries Publishing, CC Dillimores, DLA Architects, Gold Valley-Balance Tyres, Hauraki District Council, Jack Silcock Trust (Paterson Family), Maia Short Memorial (Brian Habberfield), Martha Women's Club, Waihi Auto Service, Waihi Family Dental, Waihi Lions Club and Waihi Stationery**



## **A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE**

REMINDER NOT TO SHARE DRINK BOTTLES OR VAPES. BACTERIA AND VIRUSES ARE SPREAD BY SALIVA. SUCH AS:

**COVID 19**  
**COMMON COLDS AND FLU**  
**STREP THROAT**  
**BACTERIAL MENINGITIS**



The most common types of bacterial meningitis seen today are

- **Pneumococcal meningitis**
- **Meningococcal disease (meningococcal meningitis and/or meningococcal septicaemia)**

There are various strains of meningococcal meningitis, including strains A, B, C, W, and Y. The most common in New Zealand is meningococcal B. The second most common is meningococcal W.

Babies, young children, teenagers, and young adults are at the greatest risk of infection.

The germs that cause bacterial meningitis are very common and live naturally in the back of the nose and throat of about 15% of the population. They can be spread between people by coughing, sneezing, kissing, and sharing drinking bottles but they cannot live for more than a few seconds outside the body. Therefore, they cannot be picked up from water supplies, swimming pools, or public places.

**WAIHI COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE MONDAY-  
THURSDAY ALL DAY  
AND A DOCTOR WEDNESDAY 9AM-11AM**

POP IN TO THE BUILDING NEXT TO THE TREE OF LIFE  
WALK IN APPOINTMENT, OR TEXT/PHONE TO 0272983787

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH NEEDS OR  
QUESTIONS

MARGIE GOLDSWORTHY / SCHOOL NURSE FOR WAIHI COLLEGE

Ngā mihi, with kind regards  
Margie (She/Her)

[Margie Goldsworthy](#) | SCHOOL NURSE WAIHI

**M:** 0272983787

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



## COMING UP

- ⇒ Senior Netball Trials: 20th February
- ⇒ Summer Netball Starts: 20th February
- ⇒ Triathlon: 21st February
- ⇒ Play Auditions: 21st & 22nd February
- ⇒ Immunisation Information: 22nd February
- ⇒ Growth Culture Leadership Course: 26th-27th February
- ⇒ Thames Valley Touch: 29th
- ⇒ Rotary Youth Applications Closing
- ⇒ Maratoto Camp: 4-6th (Tainui) and 6th-8th (Te Arawa) March
- ⇒ Athletics: 1st March

You can find more about these events in the Latest News section of our website



**TRAVEL.  
LEARN.  
GROW.**

**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE:  
LONG-TERM**

Long-term exchanges build peace, one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and live with host families for a full academic year. Become a global citizen. Start in one of more than 130 countries.

**Rotary**  **rotary youth exchange**

**CONNECT WITH US**  
Rotary District 9530: Central North Island  
Program Contact: Paul Hignee  
027 444 1383

**TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT WAIHI COLLEGE, KEEP AN EYE ON OUR ARTS & SERVICES AND SPORTS FACEBOOK PAGES , INSTAGRAM AND THE LATEST NEWS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.**

**WWW.WAIHICOL.SCHOOL.NZ**

**DON'T FORGET THE PARENT PORTAL TOO—WHERE YOU CAN SIGN IN TO CHECK OUT OUR DAILY NOTICES.**