



WAIHI COLLEGE

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SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming sports was a huge success this year; it saw us combine the fun of the house events with the competitive nature of the serious events with students, staff and whānau commenting on what a great day they had. This saw a huge increase in the number of students participating and a lift in house spirit. Students couldn't wait to cheer and encourage their fellow housemates to do their best in the races, and they lined the edges of the pool in their house colours.

The PE department did an amazing job putting the day together, and we can't wait to do it all again next year, maybe with a few different fun events added to the mix.



TRIATHLON



It was such a fun day seeing everyone out and about and getting involved. Results will be coming soon!

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

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau,

The term is flying fast already! It was fabulous this last week to see so many of our senior students participate in the triathlon, with one of our young women's teams breaking our record! Brilliant work ladies! Our Year 7&8s enthusiastically threw themselves into their triathlon, bringing a fabulous buzz to our school. Well done to you all!



This week, we will be hosting our school-wide Athletics. Please come on in to support our students; they are inspired by your support and cheering! You will find us giving it our best on the field on Friday!

Teenagers are marvelous creatures, full of energy, mystery, and a great sense of humour, and, at times, might need a helping hand to redirect, explain, and support whatever they might be going through. It's a time when hormones and, at times, offline brains can also collide, and sometimes, decisions made can have lasting effects.

Vaping is an issue some of us face. I was rather amazed last week to learn of waterproof vapes, which can be put into a soap dispenser for storage. Obviously, we are a vape and smoke-free school, and we promote this heavily.

If your young person is struggling with vaping, we want to help. There are some great readings, programs, and people we can put you in touch with. Please just reach out to ask via email to principal@waihicol.school.nz. Check out this website online as a great starting point.

VAPEFREE SCHOOLS

Vaping is not for young people. Whilst it can help people quit smoking, if you don't smoke don't vape. The role of schools is to empower students to make informed decisions on vaping by engaging them with the facts.

Check out this website as a great starting point.

<https://www.vapingfacts.health.nz/vapefree-schools/>

In addition to this, our fabulous School Nurse, Margie, and School Counsellor, Helen, are willing and able to walk alongside anyone who might need support.

On another note, we are thrilled to welcome Roshan Gul to work alongside Mr Randell and our Year 7&8 students to create a fabulous Community Concert - we will be partnering with the 5 Primary Schools, year 5-8, to make glorious music! A matinee and evening performance will be advertised later in the term.

Our Year 7&8's are also off to camp shortly! Massive thanks to the teachers in this space for making this happen and to Mr Tait for allowing us to use his amazing campout at Maratoto. We are all VERY excited!

Have a fabulous week. I'm always happy to hear from whanau about the things that are working for your young person and ways we can support them.

Nga mihi nui,

Briar

The way we
speak to
our
children
becomes
their inner
voice.

WAKAS 2024

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SPORT

Waka Ama

Girls numbers are booming. Over 15 girls have signed up this year—it is amazing to see. More communications will follow regarding girls paddle sessions.

Our u16 Boys: Lachy Sole, Hale Nand, Jacob Adams, Lockie Patea, Blake Silk, and Isaac Honey are heading to Nationals next month. Coach Rangi Honey and manager Cat Sole have been working hard in the background to get the boys ready for the huge event.

Volleyball

Volleyball is well and truly underway with 5 teams entered in competitions this season. While our Senior Boys, Senior Girls A, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, and Year 7&8 mixed teams will play in Tauranga, our Senior Girls Development team will play in the Thames Valley Secondary Schools competition at different hosting schools.

It is great to see growth in this code. A huge mihi to Xandrex Manaoat, Matua Greg Oudes, Tapene Ropiha and Mario Newton for helping Jess with trials, setting up, and sharing your volleyball knowledge by coaching. Further thanks to our team managers this season.

Senior Girls Development Volleyball and year 7&8 Mixed Volleyball starts on 1st March.

Here's Deva and Xandrex looking smart in our new multisport T-shirts



Sports Uniform Reveal

You will see our athletes in new kits this year thank you to the Waihi College Board of Trustees.

With such a huge gap in uniform sets it had been a struggle to uniform many of our students. We can now be confident that we will be able to successfully uniform 35 teams with ease across multiple sports codes.

The design and colour's are a representation of our whakapapa and kōrero within our new school logo. It's a representation of our students and whānau - past, present and future.

SPORT

Basketball

Last week we kicked off our Senior Basketball musters. Thank you to our Senior Boys coach Shannon Hargreaves and selectors Sterling and Cullen. We appreciate your support and dedication.

Sterling is also coaching our Junior and Senior girls, with Andrea Hill managing. If your daughters are keen on playing please send them along to the muster.

All parents are also welcome to attend trials, musters and trainings. Let yourself be known as we are all here for your tamariki, but please be respectful of our coaches time.

Netball

Waihi Netball Centre are looking for a Treasurer and an Umpire Coordinator. These positions must be filled, in order to ensure netball continues in the community. If you're interested please email them.

Golf

There has been huge interest in golf this year with well over 30 kids keen to get involved. Our students who are members of the Waihi Golf Club will head to several events this year including the Thames Valley Secondary School golf championships which will be held over terms 2, 3 and 4. Matua Zac is working closely with David from the Waihi Golf Club to ensure we have ample opportunities to get our tamariki involved.

Sporting successes! Congratulations to:

- ♦ Dakota Cardie, Palace O'Brien and Rylee Morgan on your silver medals at the Māori Basketball Nationals earlier this year. Emily Davison also competed with her basketball team.
- ♦ Aidan & Luke Butler on your 3rd placing at the North Island Row Boat Champs earlier in the year.
- ♦ Rylee Morgan who competed at the recent Touch Nationals.
- ♦ Kendall Tacon and boat Jenny on your epic boat racing results at the recent Total Transport Series for Juniors. Kendall won the series and also won the Acceleration on Water trophy.
- ♦ Leo Sydney, Palace O'Brien, Peke Ropiha, and Rylee Morgan for making the u16 Hauraki Māori Rugby League Teams. They all head to regionals next weekend.
- ♦ Jaylah Rolleston & Rylee Morgan on your representative basketball success (teams to be announced).
- ♦ Palace O'Brien & Rylee Morgan who have been accepted into the Future Skulks 24 program for Rugby.

If your tamariki have sporting successes we would love to know. Please email Jess at jesso@waihicol.school.nz



Waihi Community Schools' Choir Opportunity



Are you a Year 7/8 student and enjoy singing?

There is an exciting opportunity to be involved in a choir made up of many schools in our community.

- Rehearsals will be weekly on a Thursday from 12:10 to 1pm (Period 4), during Term 1 and 2
- You will be learning a range of songs in different styles and useful singing techniques
- You get to participate in a mass concert at Waihi College with the other schools at the end of Term 2

This opportunity is for any student who loves to sing, with a good attitude, and openness to doing and learning new things. A commitment to attending all rehearsals and learning the songs is required.

Here are some examples of what the combined choir performance will be like
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNC83INSQ04&list=194s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dile2mNwsII>

If this sounds like you, please sign up with Casey Davies or Edwin Randell

Ngā mihi

Casey Davies



TE OPE KĀTUA O AOTEAROA
DEFENCE FORCE

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 28 February
2024, 6pm - 7pm
2/319 Cameron Road

- Presentation about the Army, Air and Navy
- Q & A session
- For students, parents, caregivers, partners, friends and teachers
- No registration required



HEI MANA MO AOTEAROA
A FORCE FOR NEW ZEALAND

English Tutoring

Waihi Community Resource Centre— Starts Feb 26th

- Mon 3.30 to 4.30 (yr 9 and 10) small group tutoring
- Tues 3.30 to 4.30 (Yr 11 & 12) small group tutoring

Private tutoring also available

Contact Marty 0272089881 by phone or text OR email: martyduncalf@gmail.com for more details.

NURSES CORNER

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)

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS (SAC) - WHAT ARE THEY?

Students with a permanent or long-term sensory, physical, medical or learning difficulty that directly impacts on their access to fair assessment for national qualifications may be eligible for Special Assessment Conditions. SAC entitlements give students access to different types of support so they can complete internal and external NCEA assessments (exams). Submissions for SAC are made by schools to NZQA on behalf of students. SAC support is available for both internal and external assessments (exams).

Some examples of SAC:

- special papers for vision-impaired students
- writers or readers for students with learning disorders, such as dyslexia
- rest breaks for students with diabetes
- separate accommodation for students with anxiety disorder

You can find more descriptions of what types of SAC are available here: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-for-teachers-and-schools/special-assessment-conditions/types-of-sac-available/sac-available/>

How SAC submissions are made

Schools make submissions to NZQA for SAC on behalf of students. There is no charge for this process. Students give the school signed approval before the school sends the submission to NZQA. The school can gather information for evidence in a number of ways, including:

- The student's history of learning support provided at school
- comments and observations from teachers, the student and their parents or caregivers
- medical or other reports provided by the student or their parents or caregivers
- test results done by the school, for example, reading and writing tests
- results of any trials of SAC.
- NZQA assessors may approve, amend or decline all or any of the SACs requested for your child on the basis of the information provided. Approval means students are entitled to use the SAC for internal and external assessment for that year.

Waihi College SAC process

When your child is in Year 9 or 10 the school will be building a profile of their difficulties and how they are managing. This profile helps build an informed application for SAC use for NCEA Level 1. It is important to raise any learning concerns that you may have for your child with the school as soon as possible and provide the school with copies of any medical or other reports that might help with the application. Through this process we identify students who are likely to be eligible for SAC. Students are then consulted and an application is lodged on their behalf. If the students application is successful, students and teachers are notified and the students SAC entitlements are then immediately available to use for assessments. Applications are currently being processed and students should be informed within the next few weeks if they have SAC entitlements.

**If you feel your child is eligible for SAC and would like to discuss the application process, please contact our Learning Support Coordinator for Years 9-13:
Paula Galey paulag@waihicol.school.nz**

COMING UP THIS TERM

Please note these dates may change at short notice and we advise to check the notices via the parent portal regularly

- ⇒ Growth Culture Leadership Course: 26th-27th February
- ⇒ Senior Girls Basketball Muster @ 3:10-5pm: 26th February
- ⇒ Junior Boys Basketball Muster @ 5-6:30pm: 26th February
- ⇒ Year 7&8 HPV Education Day: 27th February
- ⇒ Boys Volleyball Commence: 27th February
- ⇒ Girls Volleyball Commence: 28th February
- ⇒ Thames Valley Touch: 29th February
- ⇒ Whole School Athletics: 1st March
- ⇒ Senior Girls Volleyball Development commences: 1st March
- ⇒ Year 7&8 Mixed Volleyball commences: 1st March
- ⇒ Year 7&8 Camp (Tainui): 4th-6th March
- ⇒ Year 7&8 Camp (Te Arawa): 6th-8th March
- ⇒ Thames Valley Swimming: 6th March
- ⇒ Thames Valley Athletics: 12th March
- ⇒ School Photos: 13th March
- ⇒ Thames Valley Tennis: 15th March
- ⇒ Year 7&8 Vaccination Day: 26th March

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

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1. **DOWNLOAD THE KARMAR APP (INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE)**
2. **KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.**
3. **LOG ON TO THE PARENT PORTAL**
4. **CHECK OUT THE LATEST NEWS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.**

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