



# WAIHI COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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### NCEA ENDORSEMENT RECOGNITIONS

#### Level 1 Endorsements

**Briar Somers:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Geography, Merit Endorsement in L1 English

**Izzie Cannell:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Applied Science

**Tegan Olds-ford:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Health

**Cameron Lamont:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Mathematics, Merit Endorsement in L1 Physical Education

**Brooke Kelly:** Overall Merit at NCEA Level 1

**Bayley Goddard:** Overall Merit at NCEA Level 1

**Kate Townsend:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Applied Science, Merit Endorsement in L1 Geography, Merit Endorsement in L1 History, Merit Endorsement in L2 Design and Overall Merit at NCEA Level 1

**Zara Davies – Young:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Science, Merit Endorsement in L1 English and Overall Merit at NCEA Level 1

**Lani Maxwell:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Health and Overall Merit at NCEA Level 1

**Māhe North:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Applied Science, Merit Endorsement in L1 Geography, Merit Endorsement in L1 Mathematics, Merit Endorsement in L1 Physical Education and Overall Excellence at NCEA Level 1

**Evah Carey:** Merit Endorsement in L1 Applied Science, Merit Endorsement in L1 Health, Merit Endorsement in L1 Mathematics, Excellence Endorsement in L1 Geography and Overall Excellence at NCEA Level 1

**Charlie Joyce:** Merit Endorsement in L1 English, Merit Endorsement in L1 Science, Excellence Endorsement in L1 Geography, Excellence Endorsement in L1 Health, Excellence Endorsement in L1 Mathematics, Excellence Endorsement in L1 Applied Science and Overall Excellence at NCEA Level 1



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## NCEA Endorsements Recognitions

### Level 2 Endorsements

**Paige Capper:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Art Painting

**Naelene Donaldson:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Art Photography

**Emily Davison:** Vocational Pathways Award in Service Industries

**Roman Harries:** Vocational Pathways Award in Construction and Infrastructure

**Ava McHardy:** Vocational Pathways Award in Service Industries

**Dylan Purvis:** Vocational Pathways Award in Creative Industries

**Iain Hartley:** Merit Endorsement in L2 English, Merit Endorsement in L2 Music

**Amy Harries:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Art Painting, Merit Endorsement in L2 Geography, Merit Endorsement in L2 English and Overall Merit at NCEA Level 2

**Sam Morrow:** Overall Merit at NCEA Level 2

**Maya Dodd:** Merit Endorsement in L2 English, Merit Endorsement in L2 Geography, Merit Endorsement in L2 History and Overall Merit at NCEA Level 2

**Hamish Mudford:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Biology, Merit Endorsement in L2 Chemistry, Merit Endorsement in L2 English, Merit Endorsement in L2 Geography, Excellence Endorsement in L2 Physics and Overall Merit at NCEA Level 2

**Hayaat Dass:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Physics, Merit Endorsement in L3 Calculus, Merit Endorsement in L3 Chemistry and Overall Excellence at NCEA Level 2

**Maggie Gerbich Burroughs:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Chemistry, Merit Endorsement in L2 Geography, Excellence Endorsement in L2 English and Overall Excellence at NCEA Level 2

**Hamish McKinnon:** Merit Endorsement in L2 Art Photography, Merit Endorsement in L2 English, Excellence Endorsement in L2 Design, Excellence Endorsement in L2 Physics, Vocational Pathways Award in Creative Industries, Vocational Pathways Award in Construction and Infrastructure and Overall Excellence at NCEA Level 2

### 2023 NCEA Level Endorsements

#### Level 1 Merit:

Brooke Kelly  
Zara Davis-Young  
Bayley Goddard  
Lani Maxwell  
Kate Townsend

#### L1 Excellence:

Evah Carey  
Māhe North  
Charlie Joyce

#### L2 Merit:

Hamish Mudford  
Samantha Morrow  
Amy Harris  
Maya Dodd

#### L2 Excellence:

Hamish McKinnon  
Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs  
Hayaat Dass (already achieved in 2022)

#### L3 Merit:

Ciara Hennessy  
Jadore Holtz-Taylor  
Divyash Swamy

#### L3 Excellence:

Meg Thomas  
Tyla Millar



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau,

I trust all is well with you and yours! This past week has been full-on, and it has certainly seen some challenges and some woohoos!

We were so pleased to welcome our international students to our beautiful Aotearoa last weekend. They were warmly welcomed at our Kura, and they had a busy week. My thanks to our International Department for organising such a fabulous programme and to our Student Leaders and host families, who took them under their wing to showcase our kura. Well done to you all!



Some of our Student leaders had the opportunity to go to the University of Waikato for the day to delve further into leadership and the skills required to become great leaders. It was certainly refreshing to hear of their excitement and the opportunities for our young adults.

We were super fortunate to have a visit from Creative Waikato, who brought along Beau Monga from X Factor, and his mate JJ Pakinga, who amazed our students with their looping and beatboxing skills. Definitely some inspired young people! Hopefully we will see some of this flow into their creativity as they learn their own craft in this area.

We celebrated our senior students from last year, recognising their achievements in the NCEA realm; many would have come home with a gorgeous certificate of recognition. Certainly well earned - congratulations to you all!

We welcome back to our Year 7 & 8 students and teachers from camp. Epic adventures were had out at the beautiful Maratoto and I give my heartfelt thanks to our kaiako (teachers) and parents, who made this happen for our students. Their memories will be richer for this, along with friendships forged and relationships strengthened. Our senior Outdoor Education students were hugely helpful in running their activities, such as kawakawa tea making, bush skills and more. This is a very valuable part of their NCEA papers for both learning, delivering and gaining credits. Plus, they get the added bonus of creating connections with our younger students. Thank you my friends!

As staff, we have been continuing to puzzle over the bathroom debacles, which involve a lack of respect for property and fellow bathroom users. This week, we have put in place a new system that will hopefully help our students (who are a small minority) to develop respect for our facilities, the people who care for them, and those who use them. We have circled back to the age-old 'toilet passes' for our year 7-11 students, with a 'one at a time' approach from classes. Alongside this, there is an adult on duty at break times, and several of us circulating and doing 'surprise' visits to the area. We will review this process at the end of term, to gauge effectiveness, and manageability. I would appreciate you talking with your young person about how this is working for them.



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

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We want to thank our Police and other emergency response teams for their quick response last week, putting us into lockdown. Fortunately, this was an isolated incident pertaining to only those involved and of no threat to us. Well done to the staff coordinating the lockdown and the students who responded quickly and sensibly to the directions given. Contrary to what some news crews reported, we were put into lockdown (some reported we were not), and all was well. We thank Harley North, Community Constable, who will continue working with us to refine our lockdown procedures and provide feedback on what is working well.

Lastly, College staff would like to extend our congratulations to Mr Matthew Hallam, who smashed out Ironman last week, coming 2nd in his category and has qualified for the World Champions being hosted here in Taupo in December! We will definitely be excited to cheer you on!

Have a fabulous week whanau.

Nga Manaakitaga,  
Briar



## HEALTH, PE & OUTDOOR ED



**Chantelle Archer**  
HOD: Health & PE



**Karl Budgen**  
Health & PE



**Kevin Wall**  
Health & PE



**Sharlene Kelly**  
Health, Outdoor Ed & PE



**David Tait**  
Outdoor Ed

## INTERNATIONAL



**Alistair Cochrane**  
Marketing &  
Communications



**Magdeleen Green**  
Homestay Coordinator

## LANGUAGES/ESOL



**Dot Carter**  
ESOL

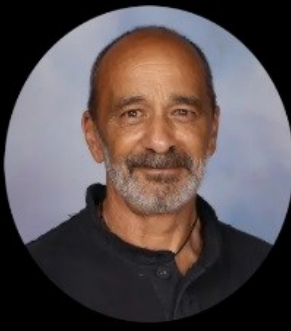


**Kate Rigg**  
ESOL

## THE ARTS



**Paige Kingston**  
Visual Art



**Greg Oudes**  
Visual Art



**Ingrid Berry**  
Drama



**Edwin Randell**  
Music

# ENGLISH



**Jacqui Barrow**  
HOD: English



**Michael Wallis**  
English



**Phoebe Buchanan**  
English



**Kate Rigg**  
English



**Dot Carter**  
English



**Vicky McMillan**  
English



**Ingrid Berry**  
English

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# MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS



**Matthew Hallam**  
HOD: Math 7 Calculus



**Salesni Ram**  
Math & Stats



**Amanda Cook**  
Math



**Christ Astwood**  
Math



**Jo Howell**  
Math



**Jess Michalchuck**  
Math

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## WHAT'S COMING UP

Check out the OceanaGold mine tour for Year 12 and 13 students. Come and register in the Gateway office or email Mrs Graveson.

### SENSORY SCREENINGS

Screenings for families with special needs. **Go to the EVENT website to book.**

EVENT cinemas are proud to bring sensory-friendly films to families living with autism and other sensory needs at select locations. Sensory Screenings allow families to enjoy their favourite films in a safe and accepting environment where kids are free to get up, move around, shout or sing.

Screening Features: Modified Lighting and Sound. The cinema lights are dimmed and the movie volume lowered for sensitive ears.

**WISH: 10th March @ 11am**

**WONKA: 24th March @ 11am**

**MIGRATION: 7th April @ 11am**



Interested in  
**A CAREER IN  
GOLD MINING?**

**JOIN OUR SITE TOUR**

**WHEN:** Thurs. 4th April 2024 @ 1:00 pm  
**FOR WHO:** Year 12 & 13 Waihi College Students  
**WHAT:** Tour the mine site to meet and hear from our people who work in:

- Sustainability
- Exploration & Geology
- Commercial
- Underground Mining
- Health, Safety & Training
- People & Culture
- Processing

**YOUR GATEWAY TO...**

**MINING SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

- Underground visits
- Manual vehicle driving lessons
- First Aid course
- Restricted drivers licence (Jumpstart)
- Other mining related courses.

**INTERNSHIPS**

- Paid summer employment for tertiary students

**FUTURE APPRENTICESHIPS**

**CONTACT MRS GRAVESON  
FOR MORE INFO AND  
TO BOOK YOUR SEAT**  
Ph: 021 105 2702  
E: carolyng@waihicol.school.nz

## 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)

**Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE  
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# LEXIA POWER UP READING PROGRAMME

## Overview

Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® accelerates literacy gains for students in Years 6–12 who are at risk of not meeting College and Career-Ready Standards. Rooted in the science of reading and research proven to be up to five times as effective as the average school reading intervention, PowerUp enables students to make multiple years of growth in a single academic year. Designed to respect the time and maturity of the adolescent learner, PowerUp immerses students in an age-appropriate learning experience that is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. PowerUp's adaptive instructional model maximizes student learning and provides motivational tools to minimize the time required for students to start mastering grade-level skills.

PowerUp Simultaneously addresses gaps in fundamental literacy skills while building higher-order analytical skills to accelerate learning across a broad range of students. Additionally it Motivates adolescent learners to work toward grade-level literacy standards and provides True personalization through individualized learning pathways, adaptive instruction, and data-driven action plans that leads to faster literacy gains. PowerUp is a computer-based program that adapts instruction to the specific needs of adolescent learners. The activities in PowerUp focus on developing reading skills in three areas: word study, grammar, and comprehension. PowerUp uses a structured and systematic approach to filling in skill gaps for adolescent learners.

●**Word Study** — Students develop reading accuracy and fluency by focusing on sound and syllable patterns in words.

●**Grammar** — Students learn how written language works in order to improve their writing and reading comprehension. They learn how parts of speech function in sentences and how sentence parts convey meaning.

●**Comprehension** — Students learn skills & strategies to become independent and strategic readers. Passages include original and authentic

texts of multiple genres including informational texts, narratives, drama, and poetry.

## Implementation at Waihi College

●Students are selected from those in year 9 and 10 whose classroom testing results indicate that they are achieving below the expected curriculum level. These students will be invited to spend one term on the programme and will be assessed for progress at the conclusion of the term. A teacher Aide will implement the programme five times per week.

●Students begin at a point in each area of the program that is right for them, based on the results of a brief set of placement activities.

●Each week, students get a weekly goal of 75–135 minutes each week. Total time includes 25–45 minutes in each of the three areas of the program (Word Study, Grammar, and Comprehension). This weekly goal decreases over time as students make progress. Students can see their weekly goal in the student dashboard.

●Online activities include direct instruction and immediate feedback as your student learns new skills.

●Progress and performance in the program are reported directly to teachers so that they can provide assistance when needed.

●Paper-and-pencil and hands-on activities are used for practicing and extending skills.

**If you feel your child would benefit from being on this programme please contact Paula Galey LSC for year 9 to 13 at [paulag@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:paulag@waihicol.school.nz)**



## SPORTS

### THAMES VALLEY SWIMMING CHAMPS RESULTS

Individual scores were as follows:

13u Woman - 9th Leah Kelly 43.50 points

13u Men - 8th Blake Smith 47 points, 13th Max Walton 36 points

14/15 Woman - 9th Reese Neame 43 points, 11th Celeste Rush 42 points, 14th Asha Davies-Young 38 points, 22nd Savarna Brightwell 23 Points

14/15 Men - 5th Max Morley 51 points, 7th Lachlan Osborne-Sole 46 points, 10th Aidan Butler 43.50 points, 15th Trent Ewing 27 points

16+ Men - 2nd Ben Jarvis 54 points



Relay results:

100m Freestyle - 14/15 girls 2nd place: Zoe, Reese, Celeste, and Savarna. 14/15 boys 1st place: Trent, Aidan, Lachlan, and Max.

100m Medley - 14/15 girls 4th place: Zoe, Reese, Asha, and Celeste. 14/15 boys 2nd place: Trent, Aidan, Lachlan, and Max.

Grand Relay 4th place

**Well done to all our swimmers on your amazing swimming results. The total overall score for Waihi College was 693 points to place us 3rd in the Thames Valley Swimming Championships 2024.**

*Full Thames Valley swimming results can be found on our website.*

### Congratulations to the following students:

Hunter Pert had flown over to Bendigo, Victoria, Australia playing Inline Hockey for the Bendigo Cup 2024 with his club Bendigo Blaze u11 and u13 teams. The 13U team finished their tournament placing 5th overall. The 11U team is a novice team with many playing their first tournament and placed 2nd in Plate Finals. Hunter was the lead goal scorer for the team with 38 goals and was awarded the 11U Division MVP voted by Team Coaches. He was also selected for the 2024 11U Aussie Roos Team heading to the 20th Anniversary State Wars in America in July 2024.

Stanley Anderson who competed in the 10km Rotorua Off Road Trail Run at Redwoods last weekend. Stanley competed with adults and came 3rd overall with a time of 46:08.

**Vans: We would like the BOT to keep funding the use of our school vans. A reminder that we must look after it or lose it.**

You can help us do this by removing all your rubbish after each use. Van drivers to check the van prior to departure and on return (to check for any damages to the interior).

**Special thanks to all our volunteers for your support with events and transport to make it happen for our tamariki. We appreciate you.**

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## VOLLEYBALL

Last Tuesday we were lucky enough to have Keith Marsh from Tauranga Volleyball come over and run a coaching session for all our volleyball kids. Keith also runs coaching sessions with the New Zealand development team in Auckland so we hope to see him a few more times this term. All our volleyballers including myself and matua Greg took something away from the coaching session, what a success.



## COMING UP IN SPORT

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

- ⇒ Tuesday 12th Thames Valley Athletics
- ⇒ Tuesday 12th Waikato Secondary Schools Tennis Championships
- ⇒ Wednesday 13th Senior Netball trials
- ⇒ Thursday 14th WBOP Surfing Competition, Thames Valley 3x3 Basketball
- ⇒ Thursday 14th Coaches and Managers sign up Evening
- ⇒ Friday 15th Thames Valley Tennis Championships

## SCHOOL LUNCHES—COMING UP

Please note meals and/or ingredients are subject to change without notice

### *MONDAY Summery Chicken Pasta Served Hot*

Creamy sauce with chicken and corn on pasta. Served with a snack or fruit.

*Dietary suitability: EF, HF, NB, NP, SF, NT*

### *TUESDAY Ham Sandwich*

Oatilicious bread filled with ham, cheese and salad. Served with a yoghurt (plus fruit for senior students).

*Dietary suitability: NB, NT*

### *WEDNESDAY Coconut Curry Served Hot*

Mildly spiced yellow curry sauce with chicken and veggies on rice. Served with a roti wrap.

*Dietary suitability: GF (GF wrap alternative), DF, EF, HF, NB, NP, SF*

### *THURSDAY Ham & Potato Salad*

Potato salad with diced ham, served with a garlic roll and ranch dressing on the side.

*Dietary suitability: GF (GF roll alternative), DF, EF, NB, SF (SF dressing alternative)*

### *FRIDAY Cheeseburger Inspired Wrap*

Classic cheeseburger ingredients, including a beef patty, cheese and salad in a fresh wrap. Served with a snack.

*Dietary suitability: EF, HF, NP, NT*





## COMING UP THIS TERM

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- ⇒ Thames Valley Athletics: 12th March
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- ⇒ Tuesday 12th Waikato Secondary Schools Tennis Championships
- ⇒ Wednesday 13th Senior Netball trials
- ⇒ School Photos: 13th March
- ⇒ WBOP Surfing: 14th March
- ⇒ Thursday 14th Coaches and Managers sign up
- ⇒ Thames Valley 3x3 Basketball: 14th March
- ⇒ Thursday 14th WBOP Surfing Competition
- ⇒ Thames Valley Tennis: 15th March
- ⇒ St Paddy's Sausie Sizzle: 15th March
- ⇒ Year 7&8 Vaccination Day: 26th March

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With The World

# Japan Day

Join us to learn, realize, explore Japanese cultures with overseas students through English-based online session! Widen your horizon and get to know about Japan!

**PROGRAM DETAILS**  
Workshop on Calligraphy with Japanese Staff.  
Virtual Tour of Japanese Places.

**TARGET:**  
Junior to University Students

**TIME & PLACE**  
① March 22nd, 2024 10:00-10:50 JST  
② March 22nd, 2024 16:00-16:50 JST  
(\*all programs will be conducted online via ZOOM)

◆FREE program! ◆

FILL IN THE REGISTRATION FORM TO APPLY!

◆ Please wait for With The World confirmation via email or social media contact group.  
Contact via school contact group / global@withtheworld.co

**You can find more about these events in the**

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4. **CHECK OUT THE LATEST NEWS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.**

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