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HERE WE STAND

WAIHI COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau,

We are motoring through the term, and scarily, it is already week 9 (for College).

We had our Board hui this week, and I was so pleased to share with them some of the incredible things our teaching team has to offer our students!

We have had many opportunities this past week - our senior Geography students were able to explore some of the magnificent South Island, others went the opposite way and visited Waitangi, and others explored our magnificent coastline locally as scientists and data gatherers. I have been particularly thrilled with the conduct of our young people when out and about - showcasing our values and respectfully interacting with the public. Tumeke! You make us proud!

Congratulations to our sporting endeavour participants this past week - our debut into the golfing arena as a College - well done to our four young men! Along with another first, we had six young tane (boys) compete at Waka Ama Secondary Nationals! These young men made our kura proud with their determination, grit, and courage. Well done for leading the way in these new sporting codes for us!

A growing number of young ladies represent us in the equestrian world, bringing home some fabulous results - well done to you all! We are excited to support you and see where you might go next!

We must also extend our huge congratulations to the Morely whanau, with amazing achievements in the SLSNZ Nationals for Max. Max won Gold in the U15 board race and Bronze in the U15 ski race. He also earned silver and Bronze in the Northern Region and silver in the Eastern Region. Late last

year, he also completed the Mount Monster as an individual competitor, which is unprecedented for a 15-year-old.



We have a few days to note coming up: Two Accord days (where teachers learn about the development of NCEA to keep abreast of pivotal changes), two teacher-only days for professional learning, and a Paid Union Meeting (PUM). The PUM includes an early school closure of 12.30pm. Please add these dates to your family calendars.

May 8th: Teacher-only day.

May 22nd: PUM early finish 12:30pm (Paid Union Meeting)

May 31st: Accord day

August 6th: Teacher Only Day

October 25th: Accord day

In case you aren't aware, Easter Tuesday is a school holiday, and schools in New Zealand are closed. The Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday (but not a statutory holiday), meaning schools must not be open.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/school-terms-and-holiday-dates/more-information-about-setting-term-dates/#easter>

Have a fabulous short week, and a huge Happy Easter to you all!

Nga manaakitanga
Briar

TECHNOLOGY



Siobhan Fitzgerald
HOD: Food Tech & Hospitality



Jeff Cochrane
Digital



Peter Roy
Wood Tech



Gareth Wynne
Metal Tech



Josephine Carson
Soft Materials & Hospitality



Paige Kingston
Soft Materials & Wearable Art



Jess Michalchuk
Digital

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SCIENCES



Nicole Clare
HOD: Senior & Junior



Jay McKechnie
HOD: Physics



Hilton Galey
Biology



Bridget Weller
Horticulture & Junior



Leon Ruttersmith
Chemistry



Jess Michalchuk
Junior



Saleszni Ram
Junior



Juliet Ruttersmith
Science Technician

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SORE THROATS

Kia Ora Koutou 🇳🇿

Just a few notes about SORE THROATS!

Every Sore throat needs to be checked.

This can be done at your own Doctors clinic OR easier still at the school nursing clinic.

Please see me in the school clinic. (Mon-Thurs 9.3)

Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat that is known as 'strep throat' – a throat infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus.

Most sore throats get better on their own after about four days. But if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics, it can cause rheumatic fever in at-risk children and in young people. Rheumatic fever is a serious condition that causes problems with joints, skin, nerve function and heart valves and heart function.

Having an assessment with the nurse is a preventative measure against serious complications caused by rheumatic fever.

If your child's throat swab comes back positive for Group A strep throat, they will be given oral antibiotics, in consultation with parents/caregivers. It is important to take all the oral antibiotics for the full 10 days (about 1 and a half weeks), even if they are feeling better.

Please see link for further information - <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/rheumatic-fever>

Parents and Caregivers for sore throats please ask your young person to see me in the school clinic.

Margie Goldsworthy/Reg nurse for Waihi College PH/Txt 027 298 3787

E:margie.goldsworthy@pinnacle.health.nz Or MargieG@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
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Ngā mihi, with kind regards
Margie (She/Her)

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MATH BUDDY PROGRAMME

At Waihi College the learning centre identifies students who need support or extension in their numeracy abilities in year 9 and 10 and offers them the opportunity to participate in the **Math Buddy programme** to improve their abilities. Some students struggle with math as numeracy skills, rules and principles tend to build on one another. If a student misses a few of those crucial building blocks any future work is difficult to understand and the student can lose confidence in their ability at math. Other students show a particular aptitude for math and need extending beyond the classroom programme. The math buddy programme was created by a math teacher to give students the opportunity to watch, listen and redo math lessons using an online learning platform that is targeted to their specific individual learning needs.

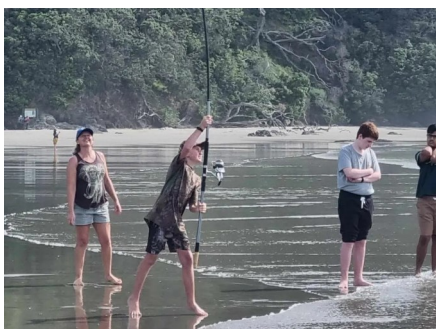
The programme allows students to learn at their own pace, catch up on lessons they may have missed or concepts they have not understood or revise a particular concept before doing new learning, and complete worksheets and interactive questions to test their understanding. Lessons involve watching video and audio demonstrations of concepts linked to the NZ Math curriculum and doing interactive online questions to practise newly learnt skills. Answers are recorded online and immediately marked then students are provided worksheets with the correct solutions. At the end of a lesson students are provided a one page summary of each tutorial with notes for revision and review. The teachers get detailed reports for every lesson and a summary report showing the students progress by topic.

The programme is supervised by a teacher aide and overseen by the Learning Support Coordinator. The teacher aide liaises with the classroom teacher to set work that relates to class topics but is at the correct level for the student. Once students have completed the set tasks they are retested to gauge their progress and new learning directions can be set. Students can access the website at home and in class at www.Maths buddy.com using their school username and password.

If you think your child needs to participate and in this program and has not already been identified please contact paulag@waihicol.school.nz

YEAR 9 & 10 TRIPS

9 Kereruu had a great day at Waihi Beach on Friday. They did transects at the rock pools, beach games and surf casting and Tangaroa themed sandcastles. Thanks to Lisa Adlington and Cherie Elmsly for help at the fishing station.



10 totara went to Waitangi via Goat Island & Langs Beach. They saw Waka, did some biking and explored the Waitangi Treaty Grounds as well as the Manea Footprints and Tane Mahuta



Epic experience!

SPORTS

TV Athletics results:

Congratulations to all our athletes that qualified for the Thames Valley Athletics held last Tuesday.

Here are the results:

Junior Boys:

Stanley Anderson - 1st 3000m, 2nd 1500m qualified for WBOP Athletics

Rā Anthym-Selwyn - 7th Triple Jump,

Darius Butterworth - 3rd Long Jump, 7th High Jump qualified for WBOP Athletics

Max Walton - 10th Discus,

Leo Henderson - 9th Shot Put

Junior Girls:

Zariah Brewerton - 16th 200m

Leah Kelly - 2nd Triple Jump qualified for WBOP Athletics

Indie Pickard - 6th 100m, 2nd 300m qualified for WBOP Athletics

Riley Clay - 8th 300m,

Rylee Kuizinas - 10th 1500m

Intermediate Boys:

Madison Dewar - 4th 400m, 4th 800m

Sam Bjerring - 5th 1500m, 9th 800m

Trent Ewing - 3rd 200m, 14th Long Jump, 4th High Jump (jump was 1.60 so equal 3rd unofficially), 7th 100m qualified for WBOP Athletics

Māhe North - 4th 200m, 2nd Triple Jump, 5th High Jump qualified for WBOP Athletics

Leonardo Sydney - 7th High Jump, 3rd 100m qualified for WBOP Athletics

Intermediate Girls:

Jaylah Rolleston - 7th Triple Jump, 11th Discus, 7th 100m

Rylee Morgan - 2nd Javelin, 2nd Discus, 2nd Shotput qualified for WBOP Athletics

Kayla Burr - 8th Long Jump

Kyla Muir - 16th Long Jump

Cindy Jones - 10th High Jump

Senior Girls:

Evah Carey - 5th 200m, 5th Triple Jump

Brooke Kelly - 2nd 800m, 6th Discus

qualified for WBOP Athletics

Greta Spicer - 4th High Jump

A special shoutout to all our athletes who didn't place and or missed their events due to injury or for whatever reason know that you are still amazing and making it to the next level is an accomplishment in itself. Waihi College are proud of you all.

Best wishes to our athletes who plan on competing in the WBOP Athletics and we congratulate you on this huge achievement.



\$50 Meat Pack

Congratulations to Anne Hughes for winning our \$50 meat pack voucher at our recent volunteers sign up evening.

North Island Inter-Schools Dressage Results: Tayha Lysaght placed 2nd in two rounds of dressage and Lauren placed 3rd in one of her dressage rounds. Also a big congratulations to Lauren and her team of riders placing 3rd overall in the North Island Inter-school Dressage Competition series.

We took 5 teams to compete in the Thames Valley Secondary Schools 3x3 Championships in Te Aroha.

Congratulations to our Senior Girls team: Emily Davison, Jaylah Rolleston, Palace O'Brien, and Rylee Morgan on taking out the senior girls division. You ladies were undefeated throughout the day, well done.

Our Senior Boys team 1 - Logan Brady, Toby van der Zwan, Cassidy Shaw, and Harlem Field-Hargreaves (Tapene Ropiha also filled in for team 1) as well as our Junior Boys team 1 Lachy Sole, Brooklyn Frewin, and Callan Dodd both made it through to the semi finals. Congratulations guys.

Senior Boys team 2 Tapene Ropiha, Micah Frew, Ken Mercader, Xandrex Manaoat, and our fill in Peke Ropiha as well as our Junior Boys team 2 - Bhima Meares, Kevin Ainsley, Lincoln Alexander, and Ryan Adam's played some amazing games and had lots of highlights it was an amazing day.

As always we couldn't do it without the support of our volunteers. A huge mihi to whaea Susie and Shannon Hargreaves, thank you both so much for your continuous tautoko.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand

Max Morley has just completed SLSNZ Nationals which is a 4 day event at the Mount. He won Gold in the U15 board race (National Champion!) and Bronze in the U15 ski race.

He also got silver and bronze at Northern Region, and silver at Eastern Region. He also completed the

Mount Monster as an individual competitor in December, which is unprecedented for a 15 year old.

This is epic Max!! Massive effort, hard work, and dedication. Well done.

We had a team of x4 tama enter the Waikato Golf Matchplay in Te Awamutu last week.

Here are the results:

Move over Tiger Woods, Kobe Phillips is making his way to the top. Finishing 3rd place in division 2 Championships. What an epic result Kobe, well done.

Aidan Butler had an impressive finish taking 3rd in the plate division.

Micah Frew came through with a very close match finishing 4th in plate division.

Ari Pillai finished off the matchplay in a 1v1 Stableford competition.

Overall an amazing performance by all our boys with some very impressive results for their first competition. This certainly has the boys humming and hungry for more.

Huge mihi to Matua Zac, Matua Glenn and Matua Richard for your tautoko in making this opportunity possible for our boys. We really appreciate all your tautoko.

Up next for golf at Waihi College is the Ambrose Golf Competition on 3rd April from 1-4pm at Waihi Golf Club. We have x5 teams entered. Thank you Matua Zac for making this happen for our tamariki, moving mountains and all.



Pegasus Cup

Congratulations to Evah Carey on getting 9th in the equitation finals. Briar Somers had a fantastic ride and placing 7th in the 70/80cm accumulator. Daisy Burgess also rode well placing 9th in the 80/90cm accumulator round.

Well done ladies on your amazing results.

North Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking

Well done to Tate Randell who competed at the recent NISSMTB Champs.

Tate had a great time as the sole rider representing Waihi College at the North Island Secondary Schools Downhill Mountain biking championships held in Rotorua on Monday 18th March. The track was a massively challenging grade 5 on the New Zealand downhill track, Taniwha.

He managed to hit some new jumps and get his speed up well but unfortunately had a crash in his race run which set him back. We are still extremely proud of his time of 5:24:46 and 36th place. No injuries, new friends made and a great time all round .

Waka Ama Nationals

Our u16 Waka Ama Tama had an amazing debut at the recent Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals last week.

The team was made up of year 9 and 10 boys, Lachy Sole, Hale Nand, Jacob Adams, Blake Silk, Isaac Honey, and Lockie Patea. They start off well coming in with a 4th placing in the w6 1/3 500m heats and day 1.

With their tupuna and support crew behind them they paddled their way through to a FINAL in w6 250m. The crew came away with an outstanding 12th place Nationally. Waihi College are so proud of you boys!! Huge congratulations on your performance and massive achievement. Couldn't have happened without your backbone - huge mihi coach Rangī, manager Cat and everyone else in your corner.

Believe and you can achieve.

RANDLAB Matamata Equestrian Group Horse Trial

Congratulations to Summah Mathers who entered in the recent RANDLAB 3 Day Event in Matamata.

The results were:

4th Place, Dressage 62.25%, Showjumping - Clear, Cross Country - Clear.

Well done Summah.

Inline Hockey Ryan Williams and past student Zac Williams headed to Australia to play inline hockey for the KIHl 21s.

KIHl 21s Young-Guns made their way to Brisbane, Australia, as part of the Australia vs New Zealand Super Series where our very own Young-Guns took on the Next Level Performance U21s and 38+ at the weekend.

Ryan was also selected in the Young-Guns to also compete in a Skills competition along with the KIHl All-Star Team. Well done team Williams.

Team Announcements

Well done to all our tamariki on your recent team trial announcements. To those who are still yet to trial in your sports code please remember to have fun, don't put too much pressure on yourself. Reset, Recover, and try again.

Coming up in Sports

- ⇒ **WAIBOP Athletics - Tuesday 26th March**
- ⇒ **Thames Valley Rugby 7's - Wednesday 27th March**
- ⇒ **Year 7&8 Boys Basketball Trials - Thursday 28th March**

SCHOOL LUNCHES—COMING UP

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

MONDAY Pasta Bolognese Served Hot

Pasta topped with beef cooked in a veggie sauce. Served with a garlic roll.

Dietary suitability: DF, EF, HF, NP

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 Butter Chicken Curry Served Hot

Rice topped with a mild curry sauce with veggies and chicken. Served with a roti wrap.

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

THURSDAY Chicken Tender & Potato Salad

Chicken tenders paired with a diced potato and veggie salad. Served with a slice or fruit.

Dietary suitability: EF, NB, NP

FRIDAY Easter



PROPERTY MANAGER WANTED

Are you a hands-on problem solver with a passion for providing a safe and well-maintained environment for students and staff? If so, we are seeking a dedicated individual to join us as the School Property Manager at Waihi College, with the possibility of starting as soon as possible or by 28 April 2024, at the latest.

As the School Property Manager, you will play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation and maintenance of our school's facilities. From overseeing building maintenance and repairs, to managing facility budgets and coordinating with vendors.

Responsibilities

- Supervise and coordinate maintenance staff to ensure timely completion of tasks.
- Conduct regular inspection of school buildings to identify maintenance needs.
- Develop and implement preventive maintenance programs to prolong the lifespan of school facilities.
- Manage facility budgets and procurement processes
- Maintain records of maintenance activities and ensure compliance with regulations.

Qualifications

- Prior experience in facilities management.
- Strong knowledge of building systems including plumbing and electrical.
- Excellent organisation and time management skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Problem-solving mindset and attention to detail.

Join us in creating an environment where students can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. If you are ready to make a difference in the lives of students and contribute to the success of our school community, we want to hear from you.

To apply email debbiec@waihicol.school.nz for an application pack.

Applications close on Friday 5 April 2024 1.00pm.

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1. **DOWNLOAD THE KAMAR 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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