



REO MANO

KEI KONEI TĀTOU

HERE WE STAND
TWENTY THREE



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“
*Ahakoā tai timu
tai pari whakāngau
tonu atu whakāngau
tonu atu*”

Regardless of whether the tide is in or out,
full or low, take a hold of the positives (that these
incoming tides bring), discard into the outgoing
tide the negatives

TOHI

Each year students of Waihi College get a chance to dedicate the schools magazine to a teacher who they believe has gone above and beyond throughout their time here at Waihi College.

This year our Reo Mano is dedicated to



BRIAN HENNESSY

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The students here at Waihi College would like to acknowledge Mr Hennessy for his hard work, dedication and passion for Geography he shares with us. As students we often look back on laughs and trips around the country with you. For this, we say Thank you and wish you a slightly more relaxing year ahead.

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OUR
WAIHI COLLEGE
LOGO

You may have recently noticed that our Waihi College logo has been updated.

The new logo has been designed to reflect our Tamariki, College Community, and the connection to our place in the world.

Our logo retains the taonga that is our Phoenix embraced by Whare Maia, the heart of our Kura.

Our Phoenix represents our students, past, present and future.

Our precious Maunga - Pukewa (Martha Hill), Motukeho (Black Hill), Motumanawa (Union Hill) and Karangahake are represented, alongside our Awa, Ohinemuri.

Our logo's strapline talks to our spiritual and physical connection to our whenua and our enduring commitment to building meaningful connections with each other.

-Scott Spicer, Board of Trustee's
Chairman

A WORD FROM AL, ONE LAST TIME..

What a year 2023 has been!!! "Grease" had us all dancing and singing, "The Gala" had us haggling and trading. The winter had us squelching and sloshing about and a warm dry summer ahead has us looking forward to resting and relaxing.

As I leave (Retire) Waihi College I reflect upon all the wonderful young adults and fantastic teachers who have passed through our doors over the years. I thank you all for allowing me to be part of your growth. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Waihi College and being part of the Waihi Community.

To all the Parents and Caregivers out there I would like to say thank you and congratulations for your ongoing support for our students.

The year is rapidly disappearing over the horizon however the excitement of a new challenge, a new set of circumstances, a new vista and a new year keep us all reaching for our dreams.

2024 promises to be an exciting year and I am confident that Waihi College under the new Principals leadership will continue to be a great school that provides great opportunities for our students.

I look forward to meeting you all again sometime in the future.

Go forth with courage, passion, grace and style and always with a sense of a humour and a dash of sass.

ALISTAIR COCHRANE
Principal



A WORD FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT..

What a fantastic year 2023 was! It was our first full year back from COVID restrictions and it was wonderful to see everyone back in class. For the senior students, it might have been a bit of a shock to the system being back full time and having teachers in class rather than via a zoom lesson (though the PPTA strikes had us back home more than we bargained for!).

We expanded the senior hub to encompass online learning and study periods and started the new initiative of Te Ara Hou to support learner pathways. I have really enjoyed seeing our Year 11 students blossoming into senior students and understanding the complexities of NCEA.

The Year 12 students have really dug in this year and showed what great determination they have to get the job done - lots of you are leaving for further studies or employment and I wish you all the best. Year 13 has been a small cohort this year, with a large range of planned destinations and career paths ahead of you - good luck wherever you end up!

I would like to thank all the teachers who have worked so hard for you this year in the wide range of programmes that we have at Waihi College - it really is a team effort and we all have our parts to play!

I would also like to take the time to thank Mr Michael Hallett for his time at Waihi College and good luck in Paeroa, Whaea Ariana Te Wake for her endless patience with me and the arrival of her new baby and Shannon Smith and Amanda Cook for stepping up into leadership roles.

A special thank you and acknowledgement goes to Mr Alistair Cochrane who is retiring at the end of the year - he has been a trusted colleague, valuable friend and team mate. I will miss you very much and look forward to a catchup on the deck!

JO HOWELL
Deputy Principal



The Junior School had a busy start to the year despite the ongoing industrial action with the Year 7 and 8's taking part in local activities with the Trig walk and beach activities, Waka Ama at Athenree and visits to the Anthenree Homestead. They followed up their local curriculum activities with visits to Otawhiwhi Marae later in the year.

The Year 7 and 8's have also started a mini Super Tuesday programme this year, where they have students participating in Forest School and Bush Craft Activities, LEGO, and Project Based Learning Activities just to name a few. The Year 9 and 10 cohort learning programme has used Ng Atua M ori as themes to help integrate learning across core subject areas.

The Year 9's had a Tangaroa Day in Term 1, where they spent the day at Waihi Beach surf casting, studying different species in the rock pools and other beach based activities. In Term 3, each Year 9 class had the opportunity to go to Adrenalin Forest, as well as taking part in planting activities around the school grounds to consolidate learning under the theme of Tane Mahuta.

The Year 10's had class trips to the Oceania Gold Mine where they looked at the different types of minerals and rocks that are mined from our local mine. They also went to Rotorua, to Whakarewarewa Village where they were able to see their learning from the classroom about geology, and volcanic activity in action, and each class finished the day at the Luge before heading home.

The Year 10 cohort have also been able to participate in the Literacy and Numeracy CAA again this year, and there was a very good pass rate for those students that opted into sitting the first round of assessment. The end of the year sees Year 9 Day Trips, Activity Week and the Year 10 Camp at Opoutere and a transition programme into NCEA for 2024.

ARIANA TE WAKE
Deputy Principal





FARISH O'FLAHERTY
BOT STUDENT REP

It was such an honor representing the students of Waihi college during 2023. I'm so honored that the student of Waihi college voted me into such an important role, the board has a very busy year this year and it was amazing being apart of the new principal appointment and the ins and outs of the decision for the school. But what I enjoy most was students coming up to me to ask questions or give advice on how the school could be improved, and getting involved with the school. So thank you Waihi College, see you next year.



DIVYASH SWAMY
SERVICE LEADER

Another year done! It truly feels like time has flown past so quickly, with 2023 marking my final year here at Waihi College. I was given the amazing opportunity to uphold the position as the Leader of Service for another year, allowing me to follow through with my passion for helping others. This year was full of fun memories and experiences that I'll hold close to me for a very long time, and I'm truly grateful for all the support that I've been given by my fellow peers and teachers. This year has been full of exciting and important events, many of which included fundraisers, mufti days and other fun activities!

I can't believe my time at Waihi College has now come to an end, it truly has been a rollercoaster of a lifetime! I've learnt so many life lessons here, ones that I will never forget. I want to thank everyone who's helped me in this journey, including my friends and teachers. I want to give a very special thank you to Wendy, who paved the way for me to carry out my role as the Leader of Service, along with her always supporting me and my initiatives, I truly could not have done it without her. I wish the students for next year good luck, to have fun and to believe in yourselves because then, anything is possible!

Thank you!



MEIKA LAMAN-TRIP
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

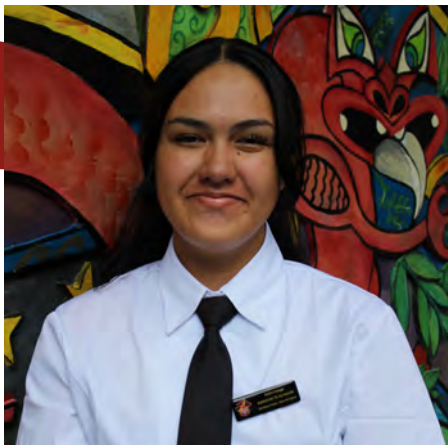
Kia ora, my name is Meika and I am the current environmental leader for 2023. With the role of the environmental leader I have been trying to encourage people to do the right thing as much as possible. There were plenty of things that I had wanted to do throughout the year but not all of them were going to happen in the period of 3 terms. I decided to work on a couple of them.

One goal that I had planned for me to do over the period of 3 terms was to unban Hollis bush, however, to do that we needed to control the rubbish situation. Lunch by Libel programme had worked on making the school lunch containers reusable to help with this. The system worked so that certain bits of rubbish went into the Recycling, Compost or waste.

Another goal that I had set was to make the school more sustainable. For this goal I have been working on installing solar panels for Waihi College. This would make our school more sustainable by reducing carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels, a huge savings in power cost would also be a benefit to the College.

I have really enjoyed being a leader this year, as I was working with the best leadership team they could offer. Although we all had to get used to the roles we all did a pretty good job. While being a leader I have gotten out of my comfort zone many times, from fear of public speaking to running an environmental club. I have been taught a lot more, and I wish the leaders for 2024 the best of luck and I hope you enjoy it.





NAELELE DONALDSON MĀORI LEADER

2023 has to be one of the most beautiful yet stressful years of my life! Being the māori leader of this kura made me realize that not only do I have the opportunity to help students of waihi college gain the knowledge of Te Ao māori, I get to all those things in a fancy suit! The senior camp was an amazing experience and a great start of the year. I'm not really an outdoor kinda chick but that camp made me realize there are better things to do than sit in my room and watch tik toks non stop. This year has been....uh...let's just say I had more than one mental breakdown lol.

Class assignments, planning events, getting randomly volentold to do something last minute...yeah it can really mess your brain up. But all those stressful moments and finishing off due assignments at 3am, they all pay off, with credits! and that's about it :/.

Not only am I a student leader but also one of the kapa haka teachers of Te Ara Poutama. Kapa haka has to be one of the most precious things to me as I grew up with family members who also do kapa haka. Being the teacher of the roopu and kapa haka being a precious thing to me, took a heavy toll on me, but it all pays off. No matter how busy I am or how close the due date is for my class assignments, I will always choose kapa haka (don't worry I still did my class work).

write some of the songs in brackets, choreograph the actions, and yell at the kids if they get on my nerves. This will be my third year teaching the roopu now and hopefully it's not my last.

Although the tamariki of the kapa haka roopu push my buttons, I know that they are blessed with the beautiful talent of the performing arts of māori and hopefully carry on that talent somewhere in the future.

I don't have to say that I only do kapaz as a performing arts but a musical! Yes, the grease production was also one of the best highlights of this year as I had the opportunity to play the role of Betty Rizzo, a sassy yet fabulous character of the production and I am forever grateful that I got to play as her. The rehearsals involved cringy scenes with others, or messing up the lines in the script, but ending up being the most beautiful production we've had in the college. Not only did we have awesome performances all three days but the production created a beautiful bond between the cast crew. There were so many talented tamariki who took their role seriously and gave it their all on the stage.

A message to all the students at Waihi college, I wish you all the best of luck! (you're gonna need it) Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua - those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead. All these memorable moments that I get to have of this kura and hopefully a lot more for next year. This was a mean as experience.



JACK DINNAGE ARTS LEADER

At first, I honestly didn't know what to write for this. I spent many weeks procrastinating getting this blurb finished and then realised, hey this is similar to what I have been doing most of the year. Similar to what a lot of people have been doing this year.

But do you know what I realised? I realised that despite our collective struggles with procrastination, we've also found ways to adapt, persevere, and grow, not only as individuals but as a Kura. It's a reminder that even in the face of challenges, we have the capacity to overcome and thrive. I know that it is hard to pick yourself up after that period of 'na ceebs' but those moments when you feel like you just can't muster the energy or motivation to do anything can be tough. The truth is, these periods are a natural part of life. I just want to say how proud I am of all of you for overcoming this challenge.

Being Art and cultural leader this year has helped me gain a better insight towards our Kura and dive deep into the creative and cultural sides. Moreover, this leadership position has enabled me to develop invaluable skills such as teamwork, communication, and project management. It has taught me the importance of collaboration and effective leadership in nurturing a thriving artistic and cultural community. In summary, being the Art and Cultural leader this year has been a journey of self-discovery, cultural appreciation, and personal growth. It has given me a deep admiration for our Kura's distinct combination of creativity and heritage, and I am thankful for the opportunity to contribute to our dynamic creative and cultural landscape. This experience will surely leave an unforgettable mark on my personal and academic development.

Ball of 2023: As the Waihi College ball for 2023, I can say that it was quite the event. Tangled was an enchanting theme for this year's ball. (see what I did there). Being surrounded in flora and ivy while dancing and having a great time in the lights, music and photo spaces was so enjoyable and I want to thank you all for coming and for the many teachers that attended too. A big ngā mihi to the ball committee's huge effort for making the night a night to remember.

Twilight Gala: A Lot of people took part selling and having a good time supporting and raising money for the year 7 and 8 playground. Students and Parents were selling pies, fizzy drinks and sweet treats. There was a sausage sizzle, and much more entertainment such as a bouncy castle and live performances from the school band and Te Ara Poutama, our Kura's Kapa Haka group.

As a first time event, this would be exciting to hold annually as it was such a success. So to the future years of Waihi College, keep an eye out for events like these in the future!

As my favourite person once said "I'm a survivor," Well we are all survivors and I cannot stress enough about how proud I am of each and everyone of you. Not only is the future a new stage for me but also a new step for all of you. Keep being slay, keep doing the things you enjoy, keep finding that motivation to keep you going because I know that you deserve it. Thank you so much for this final year of Waihi College. I am going to miss you all so much.

Wishin' you the best, pray that you are blessed, much success, no stress and lots of happiness.



LUCY WALTON
WELLBEING LEADER

2023 has been my favourite year by far. There have been so many amazing opportunities available to all of us, and for me being the leader of well-being is one of the best. By being given this role I have seen a whole new side of the school, and really gained an appreciation for the people who are constantly doing things for us that we often don't even get to know about.

This year's group of student leaders has been very lucky to have received a huge amount of support from Mr Cochrane, Wend Shave and Mr Tait. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to them.

In 2023, there have been so many successful events to help raise money for different charities and causes. Everyone put in heaps of work, and the overall outcome was amazing. Massive thank you to Waihi College for making this an amazing year.

I wish the best of luck to the future student leaders!!



JOSEPH FREW
SPORTS LEADER

This year has been an incredibly dynamic one in the realm of sports at our school. Our U15 team achieved an impressive 3rd place, and it's been fantastic to witness our 1st XI team back in action. Being the Sports Leader at Waihi College for 2023 has been an absolute privilege, marked by a myriad of unforgettable experiences representing our school at numerous sporting events.

Notable highlights from this year include our competitive and non-competitive swimming sports days, which were an absolute blast to be a part of. Our athletics events also ran smoothly, with several of our peers excelling and earning the opportunity to represent our school, bringing immense pride.

I'd like to extend a massive shout-out to Jess, our sports coordinator, who put in a tremendous amount of effort behind the scenes. Thank you for everything, Jess; you're an absolute legend.

Most importantly, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this year a truly memorable one. Your enthusiasm and willingness to give it your all have been instrumental in our collective success.

Cheers to each one of you!



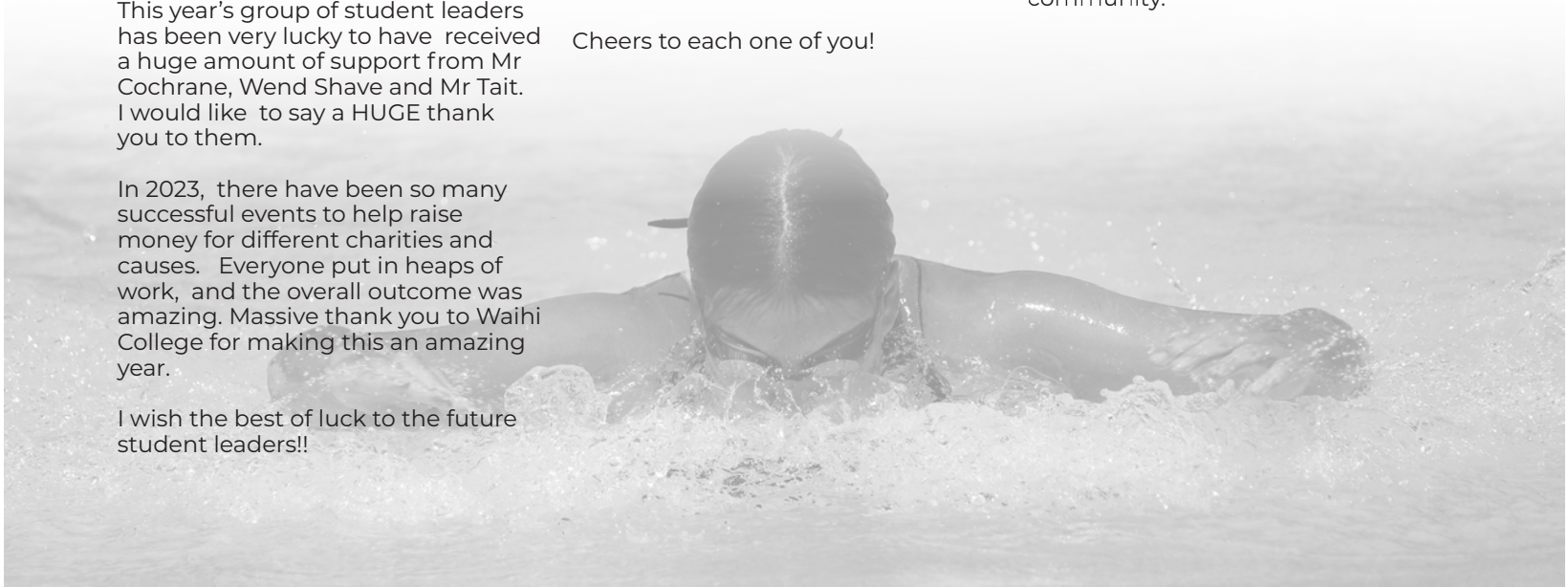
MEG THOMAS
LEADER OF COMMUNITY

I have learnt this year and give back to the school as the community leader. I have learnt so much from the experiences we have been given and I'm so fortunate to have been able to make the most of my last year here at Waihi College.

I have been able to work alongside the Leos Club as president and work these two roles closely together to create a community of cool students to help the wider Waihi community with all the service events that are held throughout the year. We were involved wherever we could with helping out the Lions group with many of their fundraisers, sausage sizzles and the book fair.

It has been such a skill building role to be able to run assemblies and plan different events with the rest of the student leaders, Wendy, Mr Cochrane and Mr Tait putting all our ideas together and working alongside each other.

It's crazy that it's already been 7 years since I started here and also bittersweet that all my friends and I will be moving on to new chapters next year but I'm glad to be closing this one with the best memories, the best people, friends and school community.





MAYA DODD

ACADEMIC LEADER

Wow, what a roller coaster of a year it has been. Being the Learning Leader for 2023 has been an amazing experience and an extraordinary privilege. Since first starting Waihi College I have always dreamed about being a leader and this year I was able to accomplish that. This role has allowed me to work alongside an amazing group of people and give back to Waihi College students.

It's been a privilege to help others discover their potential and witness the spark of curiosity ignite within them. This year we have dealt with many challenges, including the Teacher Strikes. This disrupted our school year, impacting our education in significant ways, but despite this obstacle we were able to overcome it and continue to strive for our goals.

As Learning Leader, my highlights for this year include being able to help organise different events throughout the year, helping with fundraising and being a part of the Huataki programme. The Huataki programme was a group of senior students who every Wednesday long Ako would go and build relationships with the Year 7 students. This programme allowed me to build connections with the younger students and help them feel more comfortable around school.

Being the Learning Leader this year has been an absolute pleasure and something that I will never forget. This leadership role offers invaluable opportunities for personal growth and skill development. I highly recommend students who have ever considered becoming a leader, to seize the opportunity and give it a go. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the teachers who have helped and supported me along the way. Thank you to my fellow student leaders, it has been an amazing year and I have enjoyed working alongside you all.

Good luck to everyone who is sitting their exams!! Happy Holidays!! Strive to achieve your goals and remember "Aim to be better than you were yesterday."





WELCOME TO
WAIHI COLLEGE
POWHIRI

A pōwhiri encapsulates the formal welcome ceremony onto the marae, starting with the initial karanga (call) from the tangata whenua (people of the land, the hosts) right up to the sharing of kai.

Every year begins at Waihi College with a Pōwhiri and this year was no different. Another year where students, staff, colleagues and members of the community welcome a new generation of learners to Waihi College.

We spend the morning welcoming new students, staff, support staff and whānau to the Waihi College whānau.

This ceremony is an integral part of the beginning of the year, and is held, each year outside our very special Whare Maia.

As 2024 fast approaches, we look forward to welcoming yet another group to the Waihi College Whānau.



KAIAKO STAFF



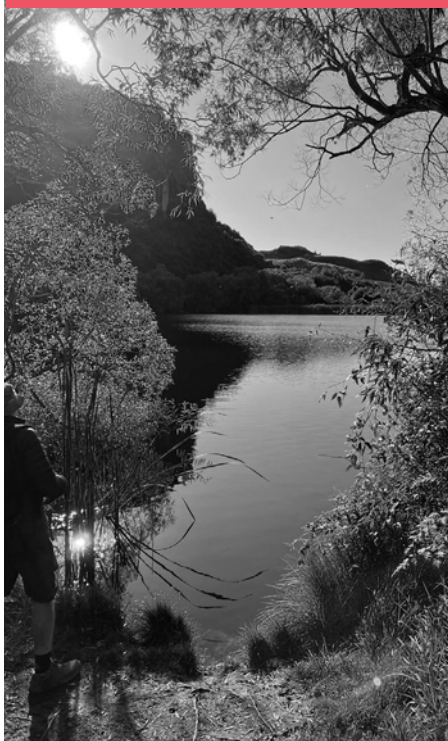
Back Row: Vicky McMillan, Kevin Wall, Laurence Broad, Charles Pipe, Karl Budgen, Greg Oudes,
5th Row: Ingrid Berry, Angela Potter, Chris Astwood, Michelle Sutton, Phil Davison,
4th Row: Helen Shaw, Joy Maclean, David Tait, Chantelle Gorecki, Nicole Clare, Holly Jonson,
3rd Row: Shannon Smith, Ken Philson, Leon Ruttersmith, Peter Roy, Jeff Cochrane,
2nd Row: Sue Gread, Paula Galey, Bronwyn Godwin, Marnie Burg, Dot Carter, Fiona Murphy,
Front Row: Carolyn Graveson, Jane Davidson, Wendy Shave, Siobhan Fitzgerald, Michael Hallett,
Absent: Jo Carson, Scott Coley, Sarah Elliott, Jade Faithfull, Margie Goldsworthy, Tuihana
Saleshni Ram, Stefanie Robinson, Tim Searanke, Glenn Te Wake, Kristen Thomson, Geoff Wickham



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Sharlene Kelly, Brian Hennessy, Tracy Te Wake, Shafee Bhure
Kate Rigg, Zac Te Wake, Michael Wallis, Phoebe Buchanan
Edwin Randell, Gareth Wynne, Ben Kayes, Jay McKechnie, Shelley McArthur-Dye, Leticia Kuizinas
Amanda Cook, Susan Todd, Hilton Galey, Juliet Ruttersmith, Debbie Christian, Te-Awhi Cooper
Alistair Cochrane, Joanne Howell, Ariana Te Wake, Magdeleen Green, Jennifer Cochrane, Paige Kingston
Jack-Ainsley, Matty Matich, Kate Morley, Jessie O'Brien, Lauren Orchard, Geoff Pachnatz,

FEBRUARY

School opens for
2023
Year 12 and 13
camp
Powhiri
Swimming Sports
School photos
Athletics Day



MARCH

History trip for
Year 13
Year 7 and 8 camp
Senior drama trip
Waitangi trip Year
10
Geography trio
Year 13
Tangaroa trips for
Year 9

APRIL

Victoria University
visit
Sea kayak training
Year 13
School Gala
Easter
School holidays
Anzac Day
Lake Tarawera trip



MAY

Otago University visit
New Zealand Defence
Force visit
Inzone Careers
Roadshow
Waikato University visit
Pink Shirt day
Toi Ohomai visit
Cross Country
Paintball trip
Science Spinners trip
School Ball

JUNE

King's birthday
weekend
Waikato Wars history
trip
Waikato University
open day trip
Tuhua trip
Grease production
40 Hour Famine
Culinary fare
KatiKati Sports
exchange



JULY

School holidays
Geography trip
Year 12
Tough Guy and Gal
Year 7 and 8
Matariki
Science Roadshow

AUGUST

Year 11 Tramp
Careers Expo
Tauranga
Pride Week
River Crossing Year 13
Richie Hardcore visit
Adrenalin Forest Trip
Year 9
Tough guy and Gal
Overnight tramp Year
11
Ski trip Year 11
Speech Finals year 7
and 8
Daffodil Day



SEPTEMBER

Aims Games
Year 13 Class trip
Rotorua science
trip Year 10
Te Wiki o te Reo
Māori
Spring concert
Spirit Days
School holidays

OCTOBER

Term 4
Labour weekend
Senior Prizegiving
Gumboot Day
Seniors prepare for
exams

EVEN NTS CAL END AR! 3



NOVEMBER

NZQA Exams
Year 10 Camp



DECEMBER

Junior Prizegiving
Holidays

LANGUAGES **NGA REO**

It's been a busy year in languages. Journalism student Izzie Cannel spoke to teacher Dot Carter about the highlights.

What has been the highlight of languages this year?
My highlight is that a lot of the students are wanting to go on overseas trips. The Kyoritsu Girls High School exchange has started again this year, and next year the boys exchange will start; they go to Tokyo as well but go to Sendi, so we have both of those exchanges. And lastly, for those doing German, Spanish, or whatever, I've got a contact for you. Hopefully our International office will help people go on short stays overseas.

Why should people learn languages?
Language is a really good brain pathway that opens brain pathways that people don't use. As soon as you learn a language, it opens that pathway, and that pathway stays open. So we know scientifically that it's good for your brain. Also, in this global world where everyone is connecting to everybody else around the world on social media, it's a good cultural one; they call it cultural competency. How should I react and behave with different cultures? So this helps. If you can just say hello in a couple languages, that's friendly.

What got you interested in languages?
I was born in Indonesia, so that was why I grew up there, and my degree was in Indonesian, so I'm like a second language child.

Who do you think should take languages next year? What type of students?
I think students that are interested in the world don't think there is a pathway to becoming academically proficient because we don't have full-time speakers of those languages. No one wants to learn Indonesian, even though it's our closest Asian business partner. They want the language of business, Chinese. And those who want to communicate better with other people

When did you start teaching languages?
Maybe 10 or 15 years ago. So back in the day, there was an Indonesian rotation, so each year nine came and did Indonesian while others did art; they did languages; some other teachers did a French rotation; and then yeah, everyone had to do that. Then when we did the exchanges, they said, Can you change to teach Japanese? So we did 2 or 3 years of just a Japanese class getting ready for that, and then we, the students, decided that not everyone wanted to learn Japanese. We started with different languages in the last 5 or 6 years.

ENGLISH **INGARIHI**

According to the American writer James Baldwin, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced," and that seems to have been in the mindset of the teachers, acting HOD, and students in the literacy and English classes this year.

This has been a year of wanting the safety and normality of the best routines and programmes taught before Covid, but by the end of last year it was clear that the effects Covid had on learning, and the changes arriving in NCEA meant that the junior programme had to change. The literacy classes allowed for almost two hours a week of targeted reading and writing skills, and teachers quickly adapted their programmes to keep engagement levels high.

By the end of Term 2 we had to face up to how much the New NCEA was going to impact our current Year Tens, and so we decided to adapt our Year 10 programme so that in the second half of the year, students would build their skills to the point of being able to successfully gain NCEA literacy through a combination of the New NCEA Literacy assessments and some current NCEA standards done in class. The students really stepped up to the challenge, with most students achieving and quite a few pushing for excellence.

The senior NCEA classes have run more or less as normal, and the quality of creative writing in Years 12 and 13 continues to impress. In Year 11, students learned how to write in professional styles for a variety of media products, and although industrial action meant that the planned media trip to Auckland could not happen, we arranged for well-known members of the media to give podcast lessons to the students. Hopefully next year we will be able to travel to Auckland to see how English language skills are put to use in the business world.

Department teachers, Phoebe Buchanan and Kate Rigg have done a great job of understanding the strengths of their students and thinking positively and creatively about how to nurture and develop their skills. I wish them, our other contributing English teachers, and all our students an awesome summer break.





MATAWHENUA



HEALTH ▯ PE ▯ OUTDOOR EDUCATION





The Health, PE & Outdoor Ed department would like to thank all Waihi College students for the effort they have put into all their lessons this year in both junior and senior classes. We are fortunate at Waihi College to have excellent facilities for our students' needs in physical education, health education, sports and outdoor education. This has allowed our students to participate in a variety of activities this year, making the program more fun, engaging and interactive. This year has seen students learning vital water safety skills such as; the correct fitting of a life jacket, safety huddle and safety in and around boats.

Some of our year 10's have been fortunate enough to participate in a program which has allowed them to share their skills, and teach some of the local primary schools how to play basketball. We have also had finishing charters, fire lighting, a snow trip, lots of tramping, camping and mountain biking.

Not to mention the huge success for the school events; swimming sports, athletics and the school cross country. It has been great to see so many students getting involved in sport and physical activity this year.

We are looking forward to 2024, and what new activities we can include in our program to make learning enjoyable and relatable for our students.



HISTORY

2023 Senior History included getting out and about to Te Awamutu museum, Waikato Wars battle sites, the Auckland War Memorial Museum and, for my Level 3 students, a 3 day mission to Waitangi assisted by the incredible Mr Kayes! Lots of learning took place (that's what I tell myself), plus some good times as well. The annual Level 3 History Inquiry Prize was hotly contested and is still undecided - NZQA moderators have now been called in and we are awaiting their official report. Meg did a lovely cover page with a border and pictures, Sarah matched her post-it notes to her highlighters (a master never-been-seen before move) but Olivia probably brought it home with sticky stick-out pink flags! Incredible initiative!



I am still waiting for Harley to get me a new wheel from Mitre 10 to fix the library whiteboard (he's studying sheep, so I was never quite sure why he was in the class anyway), and hopefully Seth will be back from his 3rd ski trip any time soon. I've loved every minute of it, you guys are all academic weapons and I know whatever happens in the future you will totally slay (not sleigh). Thanks for not being too ceeks to show up to class and let me in on the haps with the banter. Keep in touch and don't forget to invite me to the next party. I've kept my Mother Gothel outfit just in case.

Mrs Morley

HĪTORI

INTERNATIONAL

Waihi College has once again opened its doors to international students from outside of New Zealand. The last time the school was lucky enough to have these students here was back in 2020 and then covid-19 put a stop to it. After a couple of years of covid and its difficulties the school has brought the students back, adding to the many decades that Waihi College has been hosting exchange students.

Not only did the college welcome new students from Germany, Taiwan, and Japan but the school also got an add on to their staff.

Shelley McArthur-Dye was the schools new international coordinator until mid 2023. She along with Magdalen Green, the homestay coordinator, have made the transition smooth for the new students.

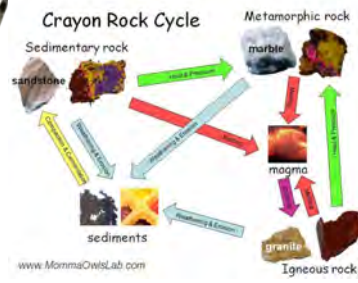
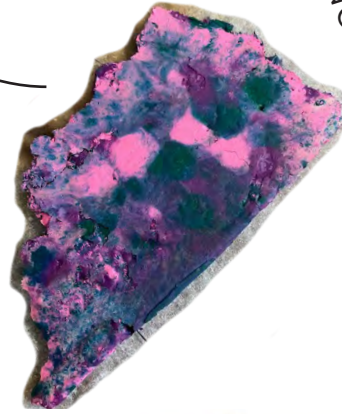
Furthermore the college saw the return of its sister exchange program with Kyoritsu school in Japan which saw students and teachers travel here from Japan and our students and teachers going there in Term 3.

In the past, Waihi College hosted up to 25-30 students per year. "Back in July 2022 we were flooded with applications but only so many could come due to struggles finding host families" Shelley said. "It was a real difficulty finding host families this year, so it was great that the staff within the school could help out and host."

Why did they choose New Zealand? "They come to New Zealand for authentic Kiwi culture," Shelley told us. The school has arranged many different trips and events that the students have experienced. Due to family circumstances Shelley's time was cut short with the International Department. All the students and staff send their aroha and wish Shelley the best for the future. A big thanks to Mr Cochrane, Mrs Green and Mrs Carter for their assistance also in 2023.



SCIENCE



Ministry of Fisheries
Te Tautiaki i nga tini a Tangaroa



Waihi Native Plants
NURSERY & RESTORATION





SENIOR HUB

Senior Hub is dedicated to providing all students with the skills, career knowledge and knowhow to successfully transition into life beyond Waihi College. 2023 classes included Year 11 Pathways, and Year 12 and 13 Hub Work, Hub Life, Hub Project and Hub Finance. Senior Hub also looks after all the students studying online via Te Kura, Telford or SIT, plus those that just need a quiet space for study and maybe a little bit of aroha too!

Thanks to Senior Hub, our Year 11 students kicked off the school year with a groundbreaking new NCEA education workshop called "The NCEA Game." Waihi College is the only school in NZ to offer this interactive and fun opportunity, that empowers students to understand and navigate their NCEA journey for themselves.

2024 is shaping up to be very exciting, as Senior Hub be moving into groundfloor of the newly renovated library, which will be a dedicated space for senior students. You can expect a one-stop shop for all Hub courses, career advice, Gateway, Trades and Jumpstart information, visiting speakers plus lots of breakout study spaces. Did we mention there's going to be a sofa and a kitchenette?

2023 Hub Work

Hub Work seriously set our students up for future workplaces this year! Starting off with an intensive look at workplace Health and Safety, the class then learnt all about effective customer service, before turning their attention to bartending skills and liquor licensing laws. Students walked away with a range of work-ready qualifications, that will be critical in helping them secure full time work or a part time position whilst they undertake tertiary study

HUB LIFE

2023 Hub Life

Hub Life began with Hub's famous "Flatting" unit, which is all about your rights as a tenant, what you can expect from your landlord and what to do when it all goes wrong! Next the students learned about the legal responsibilities of car ownership, and the effects of stress and fatigue on driving. You shouldn't leave home without completing this course!



TE AO MĀORI

NCEA - Tikanga Māori

Kei te whai take te akomanga nei te ako me te whakaharatau a Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori, hei whakamanatia e mātou te mātauranga a ngā mātua tūpuna. Kātahi ka puta atu ki te ao mō ngā wheako kia tautoko a mātou ako.

The purpose of this class is to learn and practice Te Reo and Tikanga Māori and give mana to the knowledge and teachings of our ancestors. Sometimes we go out into communities to experience things that will help us to understand Te Ao Māori from many perspectives. This year we went to Wellington. The waterfront, the halls of 'Power', Te Papa, Cable Car, Space Place



Te Hikina a ngā Whakairo o Māia - Karakia

I te ata o te ra 7 Hereturikoka i huihui mai mātou ki te tuku karakia ki te whatawātea ngā whakairo o Whare Maia, kia hikina e rātou mai te whare. He wā ki te whakahou i aua mea, ki hāpai te mana o Whare Māia.

On the morning of the 7 August we gathered at Whare Maia to give karakia to the atua and ancestors and clear the tapu from the carvings on Whare Maia, so they could be taken down and renovated.

This will allow us to refresh the mana of Whare Maia, and therefore the school.



SUPER TUES DAY

JOURNAL ALISM

2023 has been a great year for Super Tuesday Journalism but it was not without some drama. The Year 12 students built on the excellent interviewing they conducted last year. Last year, the journalists interviewed several staff about the significance of Spirit Days at Waihi College. This year, the students transcribed those interviews and wrote feature articles based on them.

The new journalists in Year 11 created some professional-looking magazine covers, learned how to take purposeful and high-quality photographs for a newspaper or magazine, and developed their communication and listening skills. Learning how to prompt conversation and demonstrate listening skills is a challenge for introverts and extroverts alike. Unfortunately, many of the journalists got struck by illness for a couple of weeks, so plans to leave the school and interview the townsfolk had to be put off until next year. As the Year 12 students had now finished the Level 2 Journalism standards and many were keen dramatists in both years 11 and 12, the year ended with a fast-paced course in reading and then writing drama scripts based on human interest stories and news stories. By the end of this course, I think all of us had a clearer understanding of the difference between news, quality journalism, and fiction.



POLICE STUDIES

Police Pathways Super Tuesday is an awesome course - this year we were tested mentally and physically! Challenges included attempting the Police PAT and PCT physical tests, the Tough Guy n Gal competition, team challenges and of course the week long Police Pathways and NZDF camp held at Tāupo. We've been to Tauranga Police Station, and met with Police constables, detectives, control room operators, forensic scientists and photographers. One of the best things about this course is that students from Katikati College and Hauraki Plains were also enrolled in the programme, so we got to meet new people and bond as a team! We recommend taking it next year! A huge thank you to Senior Constables Harley North and Dave Grant, Police Pathways Student Leader Meg Thomas plus our PT trainer Mike Mcmanemin (Makker!) for making us so much fitter!



ADVENTURE TOURISM

This year in adventure tourism we have gone on multiple awesome adventures. We had the opportunity to go to Mayor Island (Tuhua island), this was definitely a highlight of our senior years.

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Adventure tourism is a great experience where you can go outdoors and have lots of fun.

Mr Kayes and Mr Wall are the best, they have made this subject so much fun and have created memories that we will carry with us for years to come.



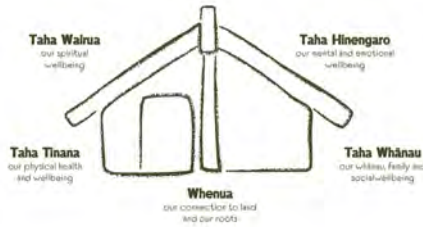
KAPAHAKA

He kaupapa hirahira tēnei na te mea he pataka mā te hītori me te whakapapa a ngā iwi Māori. He ara ngā waiata kia horahia te matauranga o ngā tūpuna.

Kapahaka is an important 'thing' for Māori because the songs, chants and even facial expressions are ways for us to hold onto our histories and whakapapa. Kapahaka is a way to spread the knowledge of our ancestors.



SUPERTUESDAY



GATEWAY

In 2023, Gateway has again assisted numerous students as they navigate their future job and career paths. Whether they want to further their education, delve into the trades, or pursue diverse avenues of employment, Mrs Graveson and her dedicated team have been invaluable in guiding akonga in their journey. Highlights have included: - Year 10 Health Unit – Te Whare Tapa Whā is an holistic model of health that describes health as a whareniui/meeting house with four walls. These walls represent taha wairua (spiritual well being), taha hinengaro (mental and emotional wellbeing), taha tinana (physical wellbeing) and taha whānau (family and social well being). This saw students identifying their strengths and positive qualities to help them investigate a potential career path.

Careers Expo Tauranga – Year 10 and senior students experienced a plethora of career and study opportunities. Tertiary Institution visits – Including Universities and Polytechnics from across New Zealand.

Waikato University Open Day for students. The University also visited Waihi College so Parents as well as students could find out information and talk directly to the liaison officers.

Employment introduction – including trades academies, employer apprenticeships and other career entry opportunities. This has also seen students finding employment. Courses – Jumpstart Driving, First Aid, applying for jobs and interviewing preparation.

PHOENIX STUDIOS

Phoenix Studios offered students a creative platform for aspiring filmmakers to explore storytelling and technical aspects, such as camera work and editing. The students' enthusiasm and dedication led to a diverse range of impressive projects, including horror films and love island-styled friendship shows. Throughout the course, participants honed their cinematic skills, gaining valuable experience in crafting compelling narratives and incorporating visual effects. The Super Tuesday course proved transformative, empowering senior students to express their unique voices and passion for filmmaking. As they showcased their projects, these young filmmakers left a lasting impact on their artistic journey, laying the groundwork for potential future careers in the dynamic world of film.



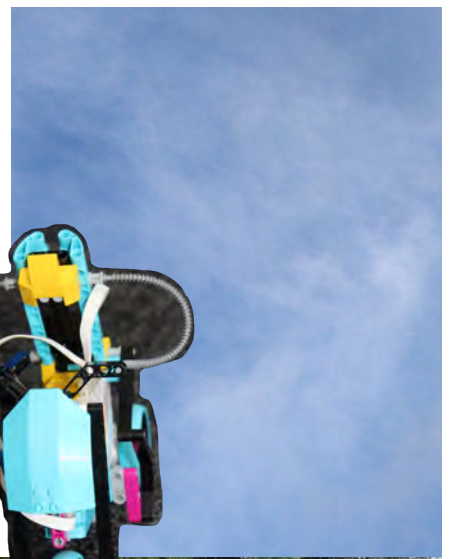
SERVICE WITH A SMILE



“ At the beginning of 2023, when Year Sevens were still getting lost around the school, the teachers decided it was time to head out on a Local Activities week. It was to be the funnest week of the term! We ventured out to different places in the Waihi Beach area. The kayaking and waka ama activities at the Athenree Harbour, proved to be the crowd favourite among students.

We survived the Trig walk with the amazing view, and ended up enjoying activities at the beach - even managing to build a small golf course in the sand. We experienced a stay at the school with some new and different activities. Some classes managed to do a trip to the Athenree Homestead, going on to the Amazing Race challenge around Athenree, whilst other classes were effected by staff absences due to Covid and had to stay ay school for the day.

Apart from that, Local Activities week was a fun experience that you should try and do one day because trust me, it's worth it!



“ My best highlight this year so far would have to be Athletics Day. Everyone was all hyped up and excited to have a day out of the classroom just to do competitions! I competed in the long jump, shotput and multiple sprints (which I came 2nd in, twice).

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A huge highlight for me this year was the Super Tuesdays but more specifically the holi bush activity where I learned a bunch of cool new stuff like how correctly cut flax and then turn it into rope i also learned how to tie various different knots and how to light a fire.

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Everyone else was mostly selling handmade stuff and throwing games so I wanted to make something different that people could do with their friends. Then I had a great idea. RC car racing! My team thought this was a great idea, so we got started. We used metal and nails to create the race course and we got a hold of some remote control cars.

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SPEECH FINALISTS 2023



TECHNOLOGY

METAL WORK

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

SOFT MATERIALS

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

HARD MATERIALS



Junior Food Tech



Soft Materials



Senior Wood Tech

Our year started off with a hiss and a roar with our first school gala for many years. Years 11,12 and 13 hospitality classes teamed up to create some really tasty treats for the community. Another exciting part of our year is the upgrade of our kitchen facilities to include a new extraction unit and 6 x commercial gas stoves. This will enable students to work in a realistic environment with commercial equipment which will make the leap to the working environment much more smooth.

A fabulous year and looking forward to what the next one brings.

Mrs Fitz.

JUNIOR TECH

Junior Technology students have been exploring the design process. They have focused on a different school value each rotation and used their creativity to design their own work. These included Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Kotahitanga and Auahatanga. Students also developed a range of practical skills for their kete following our workshop and classroom Tikanga as they worked through their designs.



DIGITAL TECH Junior Wood Tech

In 2023, students have showcased exceptional talent in digital technology, embarking on amazing projects like retro arcade machines, battle robots, video game development, and Virtual Reality experiences. Their dedication to exploring the digital world and pushing its boundaries is truly inspiring. The resurgence of retro gaming has led students to build custom arcade cabinets and program classic games, bridging nostalgia with modern technology. Moreover, their involvement in battle robots has nurtured interests in robotics and engineering, fostering hands-on learning experiences. In the realm of video game development, students have demonstrated their creative prowess, crafting immersive gaming experiences and gaining valuable skills for potential careers. Additionally, Virtual Reality projects have opened doors to innovative applications in education, training, and therapy. The passion and ingenuity displayed by these students not only highlight their technical abilities but also their adaptability and problem-solving skills, promising a brighter future for digital technology and its impact on the world.



GOLDPINE

For most of Term 3 Mr Roy's Level 2 Building and Construction class have been building garden sheds. Big thanks to Ariana and the team at Goldpine Waihi for their continued long-standing sponsorship of this senior project. The students have been developing their skills of design, choosing and ordering materials, building, roofing and working at heights with scaffolding. Thanks Goldpine Waihi for another successful year of shed building.



MUSIC

Being in a band is such a fun thing. The feeling when you get on stage, the adrenaline. There's nothing like it. This year we didn't just play music, we wrote songs and made memories that will echo through time. From Rockquest to The Jam Factory. The gigs were awesome this year and I'm excited to see how things will continue in the future. Jack Carpenter



During 2023, students in both juniors and seniors have been learning through hands-on activities.

Juniors

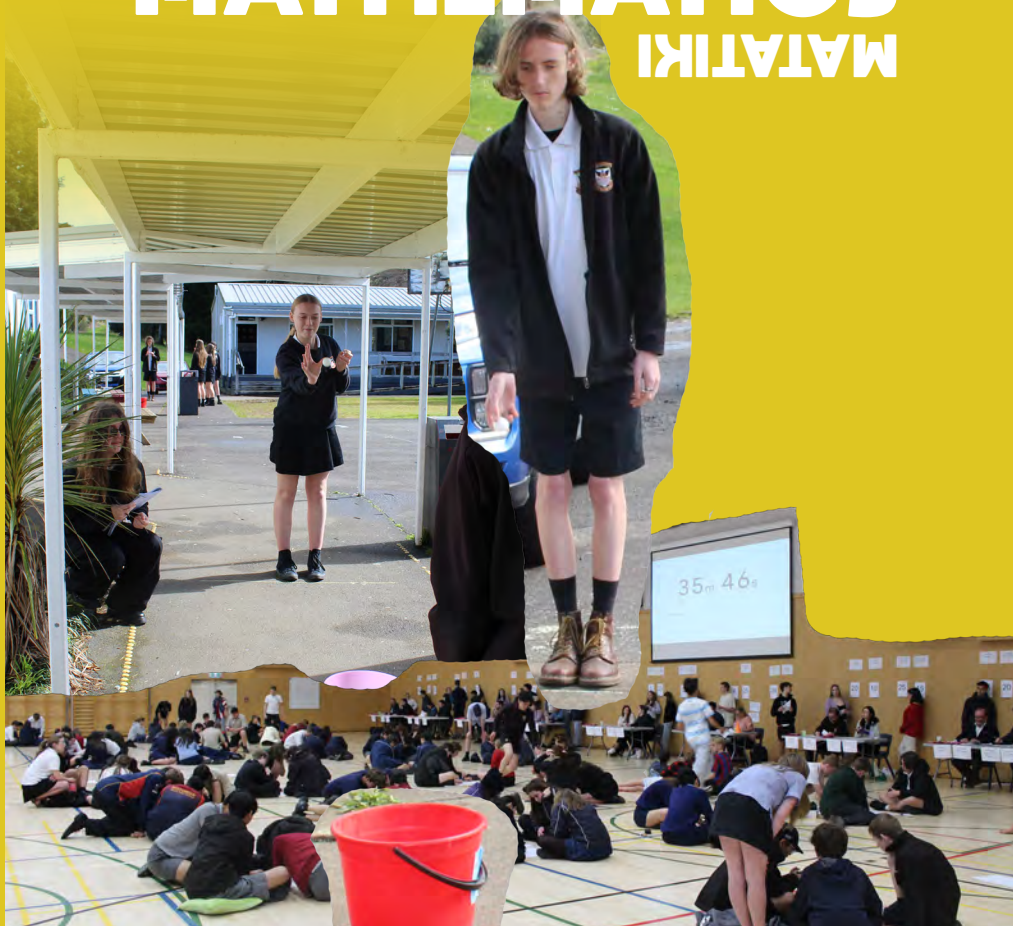
Junior students, earlier in the year, created games while learning about Probability. These were games that could have been used for fundraising.

While at the beach, Year 9 used Measurement, Statistics and Probability to investigate the amount of rubbish on our local beaches.

Throughout the year, Financial Literacy has been integrated into student learning. Using an application called Banqer, students have been learning about how bank accounts, credit and debit cards work and how to budget for moving out of home.

MATHEMATICS

MATIKI





CEYLIN BEKTAS



HAMISH MCKINNON



EMARAINA KINGI-STAFFORD

The Waihi College Art Department has had an eventful year filled with creativity and collaboration. One of the highlights was our Year 13 trip to the Tauranga Art Gallery. Here, our students had the chance to immerse themselves in the world of contemporary art and see the top folio boards from 2022.

In addition to our off-campus adventures, the Art Department also played a pivotal role in bringing the timeless classic, "Grease," to life. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help us achieve the vibrant and nostalgic backdrop that transported the audience back to the 1950s.



JACK DINNAGE

STARTS



BRIDIE JONES



MAGGIE GERBICH-BURROUGHS



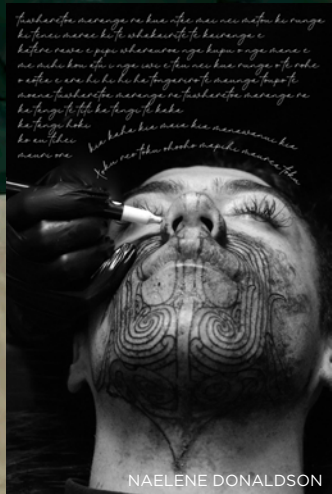
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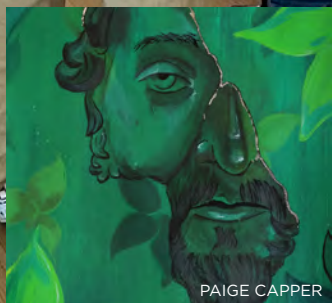
FEDERICK OHLHOFF



OLIVIA ELLIOTT



NAELENE DONALDSON



PAIGE CAPPER

Throughout the year, our students continued to explore their artistic voices, producing a wide array of works across Painting, Photography and Design. Each reflecting their unique perspectives and talents.

As we turn the pages of this year's yearbook, let us celebrate the creativity, teamwork, and artistic growth that happened in 2023. We can't wait to see what the future holds for these young artists!

LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support Center and learning hub are the base for the dedicated team of teacher assistants and the Learning Support Coordinator who work alongside Waihi College students to help them reach their learning goals. This has included providing specially designed programmes such as math buddy, steps, and reading eggs to help students wanting to improve their academic abilities.

- Teaching individual programmes to a diverse range of students needing adaptations to the curriculum

An ESOL group to encourage our students with English as a second language to improve their academic language skills

A sensory space which provides a sanctuary for students who become overwhelmed

Providing special assessment conditions for eligible senior students to help them to achieve at their true potential in NCEA

Building awareness amongst students and teachers about neurodiversity

A lego programme to encourage students communication skills while participating in a fun STEM activity

And working alongside students and teachers in the classroom to support all students learning.

TE ARA HOU

Brand new pathway for Akonga

In 2023 Waihi College introduced a new school education pilot scheme to assist our akonga who need an alternative to the normal day to day pattern of classes at our Kura. In its first year, Te Ara Hou has proven to be a great success, transforming Waihi College's educational landscape in ways that students feel fits their needs. Founder Crolyn Graveson and Tracy Te Wake say that the success has meant that students have a new and more positive outlook. Working closely with the Gateway program, Mrs Te Wake describes Te Ara Hou as a partnership between careers, gateway, trades and alternative education.

Students are now engaging wholeheartedly in their education because they see a tangible path to both immediate employment or higher education" she says.

This groundbreaking initiative liberates students from a one-size-fits-all school program that doesn't work for them. By offering tailored learning experiences that align with real-world job opportunities and tertiary education, it empowers students to explore their unique talents and interests, preparing them for a future that is as diverse as their aspirations, so they can light the pathway to their own success.

The Te Ara Hou team are excited about the coming year and would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has supported them in their first year and especially the Waihi College Board of Trustees for funding the project.

Tracy Te Wake

Kia ora e te iwi,
Ko Taranaki Te Maunga
Ko Urenui me Te Awaroa Nga Awa
Ko Tokomaru Te Waka
Ko Ngati Maru me Ngāti Mutunga me Tamatoa me
Te Atiawa nga Iwi
Ko Urenui me Upoko o Te Whenua nga Marae
No Taranaki ahau
Ko Jessie O'Brien toku Ingoa

It has been another full-on year with lots of new challenges and growth, I am out there still wearing multiple hats and still loving the flexibility of my role. Term one was an epic example of how demanding the Sports Coordinator role can be!! Wow, move over Where's Wally – it was where is Jess.

Earlier in the year Joseph Frew, our Sports Leader for 2023 and I set some short- and long-term goals. Bringing back Waihi Touch was at the top of our list. Seeds were planted with community members Alyshea Tuhakaraina and Susie Leau (Morgan), and together we made it happen. Lunch time sports activities will be a main focus in 2024. I wish you well Joseph on your future endeavours and thank you for all your time and saying YES to almost every opportunity/request with a positive attitude.

JESS O'BRIEN
Sports Coordinator



Well 2023 has been another busy year and we've had a great bunch of Student Leaders and House Leaders that have achieved some awesome things around the school. Some highlights for me have to be the School Ball, Twilight Gala, Culinary Fare, Matariki Concert, Head Shave, Spring Concert and Spirit Days.

My number one fave though, was of course Grease! It was so special having a production back up and swinging at Waihi College and I loved working with the cast, crew and very talented Ingrid Berry and Edwin Randell. What a team! There is already talk of what we might do next year – love the enthusiasm! There was a huge amount of staff, student and community involvement in Grease and every single person involved was valued and made such an impact on the overall show. I love that we could all come together to make some magic happen.

"Kia Kaha"
"Kia Maia"
"Kia Manawanui"

This year has been other successful season for College A netball. This year we had a young team that I'm looking forward to seeing the growth in the years to come. On the behalf of the College A netball team we want to thank Chantelle and Whaea Te Awhi for the time they took to train and coach us.

Another successful code this year has been Volleyball. The amount of growth has been amazing to watch. What started off as training for the annual Thames Valley event has now developed into seasonal competitions in the Tauranga volleyball league. We have teams from all year groups. Thank you to Xandrex Manaoat for your time and dedication into growing Volleyball with me. Your dedication to this code has been nonetheless outstanding this term. Keep following your passion Xandrex.

I am looking forward to seeing what 2024 brings us.

Jess



WENDY SHAVE
Arts Coordinator

I'm lucky enough to have a very varied job where I work with so many kids in a variety of capacities – it's always fun to see them run events and make things their own with a bit of background help from us. Events are a main gig of mine at the school, and I'm kept busy in between with our social media accounts, website and photography. If there's anything that you'd like to see shared on line, just give me a buzz – it's so great being able to share all the fantastic things our students and staff do, so keep those photos pouring in.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in 2024.



ACGR

Back Row: James Devery, Kyle Sorley, Mahsaiah Stockman, Connor Lee, Cade Henderson
 2nd Row: James Flanagan, Truman Alexander, Neesha Mayor, Elaij Stockman, Lincoln Alexander, Calisto Tipene, Abby Henderson, Carolyn Graveson (Teacher)
 Front Row: Georgia Lowry, Tahlia Mudford, Nevaeh Davis, Chelsea Smith, Alyssa Mouat, Pepper Smith, Arabella Lowry
 Absent: Arlo Hunt



ADCCA

Back Row: Jackson Howard, Grady Noble, Shavarn Bidois, Marley Dodd, Bhima Meares
 2nd Row: Zakaria Thrupp, Zariah Brewerton, Lasini Bidois, Flynn Adlington, Dot Carter (Teacher)
 Front Row: Mei Takahashi, Katie Twidle, Shadeesha Ekanayake, Millie-Anne Topp, Tiare Parker
 Absent: Nathan Gibson, Nicky Twidle



AERA

Back Row: Logan James, Greta Englert, Aidan Butler, Luke Butler, Nevaeh Vautier
 2nd Row: Tate Randell, Gracie Tempelmeyer, Shayla Roycroft, Claire Hope, Edwin Randell (Teacher)
 Front Row: Lilly James, Rylee Estreich, Lochlan Hall, Kale Blomfield, Adara Bennett
 Absent: Darius Butterworth, Rileigh Houston, Dominic Vautier



AJCO

Back Row: Skye Munro, Khloe Brooks, Daniel McNeil, Aaliyah Houston, Marley Mapu, George Kemp, Reuben Carey
 2nd Row: Samuel Davison, Marlo Nopper, Harrison Muir, Ryan Fletcher, Zadia Wallace, DJ Dodd, Jennifer Cochrane (Teacher)
 Front Row: Brooklyn Archer, Isla Freeman, Layla Hannah, Cate Cullimore, Harlow Davis, Aubree Leslie, Ava Engelder
 Absent: Breeze Clothier, Blake Vallance, Zoren Wallace



AKBU

Back Row: Asha Davies-Young, Greta Spicer, Ben Paulsen, Zenith Gresley, Alex Maitland
 2nd Row: Kingston Taulu, Lexus Anderson, Ashleigh Pullen, Ana Whatarau, Celeste Rush, Karl Budgen (Teacher)
 Front Row: Thalia Trepels, Sabine Rush, Luke Maitland, Zara Davies-Young, Bella Paulsen
 Absent: Savana Anderson, Harper Crawford, Tanner Crawford



AKRI

Back Row: Lydia Pennell, Indie Fitzgibbon, Beau Fitzgibbon, Lewis Honey
 2nd Row: Loren Knight, Trent Ewing, Isaac Honey, Diezel Pourau-Grindlay, Kate Rigg (Teacher)
 Front Row: Zak Butterworth, Jordan Yuliana, Queenie Su, Eric Rieck, Logan Brady
 Absent: Fletcher Bushett, Naeco Bushett, TJ Bushett, Torlesse Bushett, Karma Stafford



AMHA Back Row: Toby Cullimore, William Scurr, Jack Hensley, Brooklyn Nicholls
 2nd Row: Lewis Hutchins, Isabelle Carey, Malea Hutchins, Ryan Adams, Michael Hallett (Teacher)
 Front Row: Maddie Oliver, William Krause, Dan Oliver, Conner Evans, Brooke Kelly
 Absent: Evah Carey, Leah Kelly, Leila Porter, Tayte Porter, Skyla Smith



APBU Back Row: Lockie Patea, Blake Smith, Oliver Goddard, Logan Prouting, Genevieve Unsworth
 2nd Row: Kyla Muir, Roman Harries, Madison Muir, Aliya Smith, Phoebe Buchanan (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jonah Maxwell, Lani Maxwell, Jack Unsworth, Bayley Goddard, Mace Harries
 Absent: Lochlan Clothier, Kiri King, Tātana King, Brooklyn Patea, Evren Sayer



DBKY

Back Row: Makayla Williamson, Mischa Nand, Luke Brown, Tegan Olds-Ford, Andre Buskermolen
 2nd Row: Nicolas Beach, Malirin Kong, Lucy Beach, Darcie Whistler, Hale Nand, Ben Kayes (Teacher)
 Front Row: Cade Ririnui, Auskar Kong, Jayda Williamson, Dianna Oak, Jack Carpenter
 Absent: Corey Bredesen



DCGO

Back Row: Tyler Sammons, Leonardo Sydney, Angus Griffin
 2nd Row: Amanda Cook (Teacher), Rylee Kuizinas, Kaley Hansen, Kate Davies, Libby Sammons, Chantelle Gorecki (Teacher)
 Front Row: Rueben Snow, l'Lah Kuizinas, Michaela Snow, Mario Newton, Māhe North
 Absent: Maddy Davies, Hirini Leaf, Lily McAndie, Liam Middleton, Levi Morton, Taylor Scott, Anika Telfar, Kayden Troth



DFMU Back Row: Tyrel Williscroft, Dallas Tither-Runga, MJ Vehikite, Joshua Urlich, Alexis Mudgway
 2nd Row: Tex Clay, Lortress Thompson, Leighton Allen, Tiarna Masters, Reid Betteridge, Fiona Murphy (Teacher)
 Front Row: Meyah Kuizinas, Jahrel Taylor, Tiara Buskermolen, Grace Stewart, Violet Urlich, Lewis McKinnon, Kate Goodwin
 Absent: Tasmin Douglas, Ngatara Magee, Daniel Parker, Michaela Wickham, Emma-Jade Wicks



DIBE Back Row: Seth Lindsay, Sean Todd, Ace Crowe
 2nd Row: Reeko Buskermolen, Cindy Jones, Riley Clay, Levi Lindsay, Ingrid Berry (Teacher)
 Front Row: Torrin Ferrier, Torben Heide, Jules Lovell, Hamish Mudford, Ashvin Sharma
 Absent: Emma Beaumont-Simpson, Ella Troughton, Sienna Troughton, Eveana-lee Watson, Xavier White



DMWL

Back Row: Robert Morgan, Holly Beguely, Xanthe Betteridge
 2nd Row: Donna-Bella Paul, Makiyla Liakimatagi, Hamish McKinnon, Micah Tai'i, Michael Wallis (Teacher)
 Front Row: Cooper Lyell, Ella Haysom, Caprice Smith, Deanna Dodd, Duncan McKinnon
 Absent: Cullen Betteridge, Ava Hodgson, Rhys Hodgson, Callum McKain



DNCL

Back Row: Sachleen Singh, Miller Kaczon, Hannah Mannix, Tyler Thompson
 2nd Row: Gurkirat Thandi, Alessandra Lara, Amber Loveridge, Anakah Lewis, Nicole Clare (Teacher)
 Front Row: Ceylin Bektas, Seth Frauendorf, Jackson Kainamu, Nicholas Mannix, Aaliyah Taylor, Keira (Dog)
 Absent: Holly Hughes, Lilly Loveridge, Lorqueta Thompson



DSBH

Back Row: Skyla McIsaac, Campbell Douglas, Rory Douglas, Brock Dodd, Jazmine Jones
 2nd Row: Bailey Macmillan, Jake Nagel, Lilly Maslen, Lucy McKenna, Shafee Bhure (Teacher)
 Front Row: MacKenzie Hetherington, Sunder Singh, Zaleah Spinks, Travis Nagel, Piper Dixon
 Absent: Rylan Brown, Deon Taripo, April Telekolio, Erana Telekolio



DSSM

Back Row: Joshua Lee, Nikora MacCalman, Xyrus Manaoat
 2nd Row: Johnston Coll, Shaniah Manawat, Mateo Coll, Kendall Tacon, Tai Baker, Shannon Smith (Teacher)
 Front Row: Emma Veilofia, Justus Chapman, Lukas Chapman, Xandrex Manaoat, Briony Rickwood
 Absent: Katelyn Podmore, Marcus Podmore, Zavai Spinks, Kalani Sydney, Kavahn Sydney



EAPO

Back Row: Cleveland Whiu, Cameron Lamont, Kodie Honey, Cyrus Steward-Graham, Kobe Phillips
 2nd Row: Kimberly Boldero, Byron Perkinson, Samantha Morrow, Lina Götz, Leo Hose, Angela Potter (Teacher)
 Front Row: Zara Clare, Sheril Praise, Shelby Forrester, Sienna Lamont, Savarna Brightwell, Chevelle Forrester



EBHY

Back Row: Iain Hartley, Chace Tawhiti, Stuart Hartley, Ben Jarvis
 2nd Row: Carlee Huang, Zoe Fisher-Peet, Lilly Frederiks, Tahlia Bagnall, Brian Hennessy (Teacher)
 Front Row: Daisy Burgess, Ciara Hennessy, Nivek Smith, Bree Coombridge, Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs
 Absent: Tevita Hiliate, Tyrone Karena, Raymi Steele, Ryan Williams



ECAS

Back Row: Sebana Ross McKee, Thomas Low, Mason Buckthought, Farish O'Flaherty, Cullen O'Flaherty
 2nd Row: Jesse Jennett, Dougie Carr, Dakota Cardie, Ruby Wilhelmi, Alexis-Jo Walker, Chris Astwood (Teacher)
 Front Row: Briar Somers, Izzie Cannell, Sarah Low, Amy Harris, Kiara Armstrong, Freya Cannell
 Absent: Tuhoro Osborne, Bronsen Shephard



ECPI

Back Row: Quinita Gage, Mitchell Paynter, Tia Brightwell, Tiana Ainsley
 3rd Row: Jayde Jennett, Callum Morgan, Tobin McArthur-Dye, Rico Edmonds, Thierry Smith, Chanelle de Lange
 2nd Row: Bradley Crowe, Sophia Pillai, Aaliyah Camelo, Tegan Clare, Hemikupa Aupouri-Ederveen, Samara McHardy, Charles Pipe (Teacher)
 Front Row: Poppy Shave, Sebastian Reardon, Zoe Shave, Daisy Carr, Jorja Watson, Hunter Pert, Amber Payne
 Absent: Sam Manukonga, Paitoa Peka, Jayce Phillips



EGWY

Back Row: Peke-Tupaea Ropiha, Kyrone Pakoti, Callan Dodd, Maya Dodd, Myles van der Zwan
 2nd Row: (Teacher) Kortez McLeod, Jordan-James Maana-Mighty, Louie van der Zwan, Zoe Walton, Max Walton, Gareth Wynne
 Front Row: Jazmin Kingsford, Tapene Ropiha, Lucy Walton, Toby van der Zwan, Bridie Jones
 Absent: Lily Holland, Amber Romain



EHGA

Back Row: Sam Bjerring, Kate Pooley, Lily Holland, Billy Lu, Scarlett Chambers
 2nd Row: Zac Moulder, Daria Galey, Nickhil Swamy, Chloe Harper, Indya-Rose Hamerton, Hilton Galey (Teacher)
 Front Row: Divyash Swamy, Natalie Harper, Leah Galey, Sarah Harper, Dora Hsing
 Absent: Caitlin Davis, Abi-Mae McHardy



EPRY

Back Row: Reese Neame, Zac Williams, Ashtyn Jacob, Cole Nidogma, Samuel Cornes
 2nd Row: Ryder Holtz-Taylor, Bella Neame, Erikah Martin-Dinnan, Elijah Cornes, Peter Roy (Teacher)
 Front Row: Harlem Field-Hargreaves, Jadore Holtz-Taylor, Adrian Nicholson, Mathew Vesey, Rian Morgan
 Absent: Tisharn Field, Kohu Nathan



ESKE

Back Row: Rā-Anthym Selwyn, Stella Shave, Ari Pillai
 2nd Row: Thomas Carson, Lily Jackson, Harry Cameron, Sianna White, Sharlene Kelly (Teacher)
 Front Row: Ava McHardy, Wesley Cameron, Elliott Pilkinton-Brodie, Cassidy Shaw, Summah Mathers
 Absent: Akaylah Karu



DJMK

Back Row: Hannah Bismark, Declan Coxon, Zoe-Beth Naisby
 2nd Row: Evan Joyce, Ruby-Rose Sandford, Ruby Sargent, Lily Sargent, Jay McKechnie (Teacher)
 Front Row: Jayde-Maree Tout, Jack Millar, Tyla Millar, Ezra Sargent, Charlie Joyce
 Absent: Dominic Bismark, Caleb Millar, Max Morley, Jackson Perrin



RKMO

Back Row: Kyra McElroy, Olivia East
 2nd Row: Whetu King, Rose Mathis, Jayne Pervan, Logan Freeman
 Front Row: Hayaat Dass, Jessica Mathis, Keira Taylor, Arashjot Sunner, Louise Miller-Lonergan
 Absent: Rylee Kennerley, Ben Mathis, Brody Orchard, Josh Smith, Kate Morley (Teacher)



RKWL

Back Row: Rose Baker, Isla Menary, Makai Ng Wun, Dylan Purvis
 2nd Row: JJ Rankin-Quensell, Charlize Moore, Tessa Menary, Maddox Pearson, Kevin Wall (Teacher)
 Front Row: Keeley McGee, Romain Wiki, Jack Dinnage, Felix Nome, Emily Davison
 Absent: Koda Churcher, Mika Gray, Jack Hargreaves, Dylan Sharp



RPDA

Back Row: Jamie Hughes, Alexis Hughes, Hoani Pollock-Wilson, Brooklyn Frewin, Kayla Burr
 2nd Row: Jake Peden, Alex Townsend, Reef Frewin, Hunter Oates, Tayah Bryan, Phil Davison (Teacher)
 Front Row: Kate Townsend, James Rutherford, Braydon Burr, Monika Vaughan, Paige Capper
 Absent: Matthew Olsen, Eli Townsend



RPKI

Back Row: Regan Marshall, Luke Stephens
 2nd Row: Haarlem Laman-Trip, Weston Roberts, Blake Silk, Joel Ellender, Paige Kingston (Teacher)
 Front Row: Maiya Edlin, Meika Laman-Trip, Justin Silk, Connor Adams, Kristiaan Edlin
 Absent: Chad Enchmarch, Shakia Laman-Trip, Mikayla Pirret, Jaylah Rolleston



RSFI

Back Row: Bellamy Perry, Kade Gill, Cade Tucker, Liam Wagner, Angus Roggeveen
 2nd Row: Narisa Cox, Aysheia Domasing, Jessica Yeh, Alex Hickson, Rynae Bain, Siobhan Fitzgerald (Teacher)
 Front Row: Leni Walter, Meg Thomas, Anaru Brown, Harley Bennett, Ella Ford, Raina Runga
 Absent: Wiremu Marsters, Manaia Pirere



RSRA

Back Row: Patrick Pedersen-Semmens, Elizabeth McHardy, Connor Peters, Kingston Courtney, Lachlan Osborne-Sole
 2nd Row: David Gearon, Sami Hug, Erana Keelan, Hannah Bourke, Aiden Pemberton, Ken Philson (Teacher)
 Front Row: Zoe Hug, Olivia Elliott, Liam Pedersen-Semmens, Jackson Walker, Ata Keelan
 Absent: Jacob Adams



RZTE

Back Row: Unique Shaw, Blake Christensen, Willow Holland, Chirawat Upex, Tame Brown, Xavier Bower, Holly Orchard
 2nd Row: Jenny Yeh, Elijah Capper, Grace Searancke, Nate Dobson, Blake Sturgess, Lilly-Grace Naisby, Blake Oates, Zac Te Wake (Teacher)
 Front Row: Michaela Wickham, Tane Whaanga, Ivy Guiton, Tayha Lysaght, Dylan Mills, Lea Ear, Briar Hickson
 Absent: Angel Nicholas, Te Ata Rawiri, Ruby Searancke



Back Row: Ngatara McGee, Leah-Cim Pope, Tanekaha Nepia, Hineira Pio-Ansley, Grace-Kelly Rawiri, Angel Nicholas

3rd Row: Vicky McMillan (Whaea), Kevin Ainsley, Nia Tawhiti, Kaden Heemi-Awheto, James Rawiri, Tiana Ainsley, Mahana Magee, Greg Oudes (Matua)

2nd Row: Te-Awhi Cooper (Whaea), Ocean Wallace, Sasha Sao, Mathew Te Hau, Emaraina Kingi-Stafford, Keith Ainsley, Aaliyah Hill, Maeva Ainsley, Tuihana Jack-Ainsley (Whaea)

Front Row: Chilli Hill, Kataraina Ainsley, Tiiaho Jensen-McMillan, Jade Waite, Arnya Dixon, Micah Frew, Brea Peka, Moana Magee

Absent: Elijah Akuhata, Shaylana Boylan, Quinesha Cooper, Mahinerangi Dean, Naelene Donaldson, Joseph Frew, Tahya Green, Sapphire Heemi-Awheto, Tipene Matakere, Huatahi Maunsell, Rylee Morgan, Joey Peka, Neila Rawiri, Manaaki Riri, Tigerlilly Tipene, Orewa Walters, Alizē Wicks



EQUESTRIAN

The year has been a bit of a rollercoaster ride for our spirited team. With results that swung from the highest peaks to the deepest valleys, it's safe to say we've had our fair share of thrilling moments and heart-pounding challenges. But the team are unanimous – they have all loved the camaraderie and experience of competing as Equestrian representatives for Waihi College.

The team have journeyed to numerous events, where the group of ten horses and riders showcased their talent. This included travelling to Takipoto, Cambridge, St Peters School and Taupo. The team have not only honed our riding skills, but also gained priceless wisdom in managing the most unpredictable of situations – like those moments when their four-legged friends decide to put on their own show! Speaking on behalf of the team, Daisy Burgess, extends a warm invitation to anyone who shares their passion.

"If you've ever dreamt of being part of the Waihi College Equestrian team, now's the perfect time to saddle up and join us".

"And to all those who've stood by us, cheered us on, and lent their support throughout 2023, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks."



Having an amazing opportunity to coach the Junior Boys and Junior Girls Volleyball team this year was both amazing and stressful. I'm glad I took up the challenge to coach them seeing as I myself have a big passion for the sport. I felt like I had what it takes to be able to coach them, there were many times where I wanted to just stop with how stressful it was being a student whilst also doing many after school activities as well

VOLLEYBALL

but with the help of my 2 assistant coaches I pushed through and gave these Juniors the amazing opportunity to play Volleyball. It has been nothing but fun, stress, laughter and good memories. I love the teams I have coached and would happily do it again if the opportunity was ever given to me again.

Xandrex Manaoat





ROYAL

This year started with a senior camp where our five house leaders were chosen. Emily Davison, Jackson Walker, Tyla Millar, Brayden Burr and Felix Nome were selected. Our goal for this year was to make every house event as enjoyable and rewarding as possible, as well as getting everyone involved. First came athletics day. This day was a chance for the Royal house leaders to show off our amazing magic school bus flag, which we designed and made our leadership camp. Athletics day allowed our seniors to shine and show our juniors how to do it the right way. The next event was the swimming sports. This overall was our top event as we had more participation than any other event. The swimming sports saw our students covered in paint, in tutus and wearing a variety of awesome yellow costumes. Our house participated in bombing, belly flopping and more all to get a lollie from our house leaders at the end. Next up was the school cross country run. We had some success in this event with some wins and high placings. Even our Kairahi joined in and ran the course (although it was the shorter Junior course!). The last event we had was spirit days. Spirit days is a very stressful time for our house leaders, from signing kids up for events to planning the lipsync, to the outfits and practicing it. Our house had amazing colourful costumes. Overall this year for our Royal house may not have ended with the placings we wanted but we know that we are building a strong culture that will see Royal continue to improve in the future. Royal will be on top again!

AMARANTH

Lydia

Alyssa

Logan

Daniel

Oliver

SCHOOL VALUES AND SERVICES WINNERS 2023

We have all really enjoyed being an Amaranth house leader for 2023. Our highlights for this year were definitely athletics, swimming sports and spirit days and getting to know as many of the students in the house. By being a house leader we have slowly overcome our fear of public speaking and putting ourselves in the spotlight. We have also gotten to talk to people, more than we thought we would on a normal day. Being a house leader you are able to interact with different people, it also helps you enjoy your time at school and learn what it's like being a leader.





This year has been another great year for Empire! We loved seeing the huge amount of participation and enthusiasm from our house throughout the year. Our house spirit is definitely our strongest quality and was shown consistently in all house events in 2023. As Empire house leaders we've really enjoyed working with and getting to know so many people from our house. The house spirit that was shown in Spirit Days was awesome to see and it paid off as we're now back-to-back champs! A big thanks to our Kaiarahi and all the other teachers that made this year as great as it has been. Happy summer everyone.

Jadore Holtz-Taylor and the Empire House Leaders

OVERALL WINNERS OF COMPETITIVE SPORT, AND LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

OVERALL HOUSE WINNERS 2023

JOSEPH

SARAH

CIARA

JADORE

JAIDE

EMPIRE



JAYDA
ARNYA
SETH
NICHOLAS

MICHAELA
DIANA
AUSKAR

**OVERALL WINNER OF CULTURAL,
ARTS AND SPORTS LUNCHTIME
ACTIVITIES 2023**

This year has been a year of improvement and change for Dominion, with many of us participating in many activities better than most of us have ever seen during our time here. For example, sports activities, culinary fare, the grease production, Katikati exchange and more, all of this shows that those in Dominion can be, and are very very dedicated to uplifting the house. We hope that this year sets an example for what we can be, and use it as a positive catalyst for many years to come. We all wish the best for Dominion and hope we as house leaders have made a positive impact this year.

DOMINION

ATHLETICS



KAI PARA

What an epic day as we saw a sea of students, fuelled with adrenaline, going all out for their houses and participation glory in the second major sporting event of the school year. And who else but the legendary Mr. Oudes, setting the stage on fire with his energetic commentary and a playlist to keep the day pumping! Big thanks to the PE teachers, other Kaiako and student leaders who helped the day run smoothly.

Everyone was on a mission to push their house over the victory line and Amaranth house emerged as the ultimate champions this year.



SWIMMING



SPORTS

What an awesome day it turned out to be for this years swimming sports, marking the kickstart of the schools sporting calendar, not just for individuals, but for our spirited Houses too. Under the scorching sun, the vibrant colours of Green, Blue, Red, and Yellow dominated the pool enclave, creating an electric atmosphere. It was a sight to behold, seeing both students and even our dedicated teachers diving into the competition. Adding the final touch of coolness, Mr. Cochrane rocked the mic with some epic hosting while keeping the music vibes grooving. As the day ended, the crown of victory was claimed by the force in Red - **Empire.**

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“ YEAR 8 SPORTS PERSON

I reckon that sports are fun and you get to meet new people and add new skills to your tool kit. If you're only participating to get out of school then don't actually do it, because sports will take you to new places. Give Sports a go, because you just never know what your new passion will be.

Leonardo Sydney

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YEAR 7 SPORTS PERSON

To receive the Year 7's sports person award I had to put myself out there. I would sign myself up to most things that were on the sports notice board and any other opportunities that came up outside of school. I recommend you do the same. Sign up for everything, even if you've never done it before, because you never know, you might like it. My highlights were the Rippa Rugby game against Whangamata that turned into tackle, the girls cricket smash tournament day and Aims games. Good luck to this year's sports person nominations.

Leah Kelly

“ YEAR 9 SPORTS PERSON

Hi as your 2022 recipient, I Rylee Morgan would like to encourage everyone to give a sport a go, you never know if you'll like it or not.

“You will never know your limits unless you push yourself to them”.

Rylee Morgan

INLINE HOCKEY

This year at the New Zealand Secondary School Inline Hockey Tournament the Waihi/Paeroa College combined team travelled to Hamilton Devil's Hockey Arena to face off in the mixed school's division. There was fierce competition in our plate, playing against School's from Cambridge, Takapuna, Morrinsville, Hamilton, One Tree Hill and Howick. The Waihi/Paeroa team had two different students share the goal tending duties and had some good results, winning one of our pool games and playing hard throughout the tournament.

Johnnie Andrews-Nye



**WAIHI
COLLEGE
INLINE HOCKEY**

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



From no team! to playoffs for 3rd / 4th in the TCBA A Grade section.

2023 season was a transition year for our Senior Girl Ballers, starting the season with a mixed bag of experienced and new players to the court, low numbers (8 Players) allowed plenty of opportunity for everyone to get great courttime, tested individual fitness and allowed no opportunities to hide!

George (Hori) Pourau, back coaching after some time away from Waihi - Big basketball brain / strategies / skills and know how to develop players and the collective team

Strong Defence wins games! Go hard, have a go - shoot the ball, give it all you've got while you're on the court, play fair / listen - have fun

Nga Mihi Nui to George for his commitment to our team and basketball at Waihi College

We had some solid first round wins, at least one thrashing - our overall improvement as a team was awesome!

Highlight of the season was reaching finals for 3rd / 4th playoff against a strong and experienced Tauranga Girls Squad. Low, was losing in the last couple of minutes - finishing fourth - overall, great result

MVP - Jade Waite / Emily Davison
Fair Play - Mei
Most Improved - Greta Spicer
Contribution - Jade Waite

Nga Mihi to our whanau courtside supporters for covering our bench duties, travel and passionate sideline vocals - we really appreciate you!

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini' – my strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL



Yeh kia ora team its ya skipper J-Walks here, to give you a bit of a rundown on how Waihi colleges very finest, A boys basketball went during this years season. After Losing some vital players at the end of last year, coach Shans wasted no time recruiting in a few rookie sensations by the names of Harlem "hammertime" Field-Hargreaves, Tapene "Hero Ball" Ropiha and Lukas "the loverboy express" that could all play some serious ball. But with only 5 seniors who had experienced the hard competition of the tauranga league we knew it was going to take a bit of work getting these young bucks ready for the big leagues. To get the show rolling we had a couple pre-season hit outs against our long time rivals "Kati College" with a frustrating first loss on the board. The boys knew what we had to do and the team went out there and dominated the second game kicking off what was sure to be one helluva season.

Well, unfortunately the season didn't start off with a bang like we all had hoped, while there were always sparks of promise and a few moments of individual brilliance from a few of the old dogs Justus "Pretty Boy" Chapman and Toby "T Proz" Van Der Zwan the boys were just never able to put together the whole shebang. But if there's one thing that brings a team together it's none other than blasting sad Bruno Mars bangers in the van after a rough loss. So that's exactly what we did.

Following this immensely motivational session the Team had a whole new obsession for success and the boys were out to rack up some long overdue W's. With this fierce new look and Few key games from Conner "the wizard blizzard" and the big man Logan "Lightweight" Brady The team finally got to taste a few bitter sweet victories. Next up on the calendar was prems or as i like to call it "the last dance". First on the schedule we had our old arch enemies katikati. We came out guns ablaze with a big first half shift from the lads it was almost looking like we could put them away for good. But with a huge second half effort from kati, despite our very own Cassidy "Candyman" Shaw having a blinder of a game the kati boys got the best of us in the dying seconds of the match. The tournament rolled on with a few more stellar wins and a couple hard losses until the season came to an end.

Didn't quite come away with the results we were after but couldn't be prouder of the boys for the mahi that they've done this season and go knock 'em dead next year lads. Massive thanks to the legendary Shannon for putting in a wicked amount of time and effort into coaching this year and to the former WC basketball hall of Famers Jack and Reegan for also lending a hand. And lastly a big cheers to Donna for taking on the challenge of managing us this year (thanks mum).

Cheers once again - Jackson Walker

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



Waihi College Oceana Gold Junior Premier Basketball Team 2023

This team of wahine made the decision early on in their season that they wanted to compete at the Secondary Schools National Basketball competition, So with big eyes they approached the Manager and coach to see if this was a possibility.

Manager mum, Andrea and Coach Clint took on the mantle, and Coach helped to get them fit and tournament ready. While Manager Mum approached Oceanagold for funding, and got enough funding to get accommodation and pay the entry fees. A huge Ngā mihi nui to Oceanagold for letting this idea become a reality for the girls.

Clint also arranged for some downtime at the National Fire and Emergency training Centre, much to the insta savvy girls who spent some time getting their much important selfie.

They played hearty at the tournament, playing against some of the top teams in Aotearoa. They displayed massive sportsmanship and took some great learning away with them, along with sore muscles. For some of these girls this might be their last year of basketball as they head into senior years at college and are focusing in other areas. Good luck to them.

For the girls who are still keen on playing basketball it gave some a taste of what to expect at a tournament, which is a much harder game to play than the weekly inter school competition. Here's hoping that it may have ignited some to give basketball reps a go next year.

THAMES VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES



SOFTBALL





TENNIS



BOWLS



BADMINGTON



BASKETBALL



BOXING

Boxing has continued to prove a popular sport this year at Waihi College. Training for the boys is run on a Monday at Lunchtime by our 24/7 youth worker Benhur Matautia. Boxing has been introduced into some of the P.E Classes and into our Waihi College Police Pathway programme. Year 12 Student Wes Cameron is competing at a high level of amateur boxing competition and has achieved great success. Wes is currently ranked second in his age group and fourth overall in New Zealand. This year he has also been awarded the best up and coming boxer by the New Zealand federation of boxing. His success has inspired a few other students to pursue the same, with Waihi Boxing Club (Graeme Dodd), with the support of Waihi Baptist Boxing which is also run by Benhur.



RURU

Coaching these girls was a pleasure this year. Watching them learn the game, make new friends, commit to the season, and turn up on a Tuesday night with a smile was rewarding! The girls came out with the Sportsmanship trophy at the end of the season and I'm so proud. Hope to see you girls back on the courts next season.

Coach & Manager- Christina Fransham

NETBALL



This year has been other successful season for College A netball. This year we had a young team that I'm looking forward to seeing the growth in the years to come. On the behalf of the College A netball team we want to thank Chantelle and Whaea Te Awhi for the time they took to train and coach us.

Jade Waite



COLLEGE A

What I have learnt whilst coaching the girls this year, is that we need more development sessions for our players be this at school or within our center. It has been a pleasure watching the girls form new habits and create new skills to add to their kete.

It's not about winning the game, it's about succeeding and achieving goals that the girls set at the start of the year. Winning is a bonus.

We competed at the annual Kurangaituku Netball Tournament in Rotorua from 8-10 September. This was to end our season on a high, it was also the very first time Waihi College has entered.

We hope to enter more teams in the coming years as it is a great opportunity for the teams to see what else is out there in terms of skill and level outside of our Waihi competition. Although the Kurangaituku team was made up of Senior Development and Year 9&10 players, they all played well together. The team came away 4th in their pool.

There is a lot of potential with our netball players and it's up to us coaches to help nurture and develop those skills.

- Jess O'Brien (aka The Mean Coach)



SENIOR DEVEL

It has been amazing to watch this team develop over the years from the Year 8 Ruru group to the beautiful players they have become. I have been incredibly grateful to watch their skills shine both on and off the court and this year proved no different. One aspect I have been especially proud of is their resilience and ability to make any loss into a learning opportunity and grow their skills to keep improving. Massive shout out to Jess for joining this year and adding in a new skill set.

Thanks for making this a great season ladies, can't wait to see you grow even more in the future years.

Miss B
Aka "The Nice Coach"



RUGBY



Youth Girls Rugby



Rugby 7's



78 Rippa Rugby

This year was the first Rippa Rugby season that Waihi College had teams entered into. Although the season was short it was great to be able to give the tamariki new sports codes to apart of.

Here is what Isla Freeman and Zoe Shave from Swift Rippers have to say:

We really enjoyed the Rippa Rugby season, it was an adventure. I have to give a big thanks to my dad Brad Freeman for helping coach the team, he also pushed me very far. I would really love to be able to play again as it gave me something to look forward too in the week.

Isla

We really enjoyed the Rippa Rugby Season. It was good that we all got the chance to be on the field. I also want to thank all the people that helped make this happen for me and our team members. It was a fun experience and I would 100% do it again.

Zoe

AIMS GAMES



Waihi College Presents...

Tangled



"Being surrounded in flora and ivy while dancing and having a great time in the lights, music and photo spaces was so enjoyable and I want to thank you all for coming and for the many teachers that attended too"

- Jack Dinnage







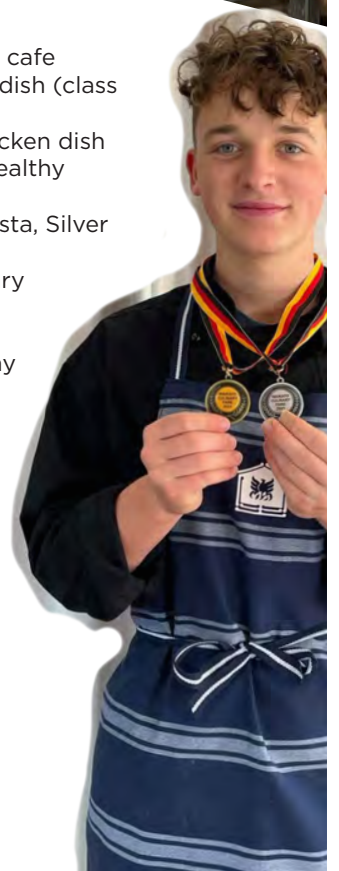
The Waikato Culinary Fare on the last day of term 2 is always the highlight of the Hospitality calendar.

This year was no exception with 14 students committing a huge amount of time and effort to design and perfect their competition dishes. This year we had a record number of 42 entries with outstanding results.

I am hugely proud of your resilience and your hard mahi in reaching your goals.

Mrs Fitz .

- Arnya Dixon :Silver
cafe cake, Silver creative burger,
Silver barista
- Auskar Kong :Bronze live dessert, Silver cafe
cake, Gold creative burger, Gold chicken dish (class
winner)
- Ceylin Bektas:Silver live dessert,Silver chicken dish
- Divyash Swamy: Silver cafe cake, Silver healthy
lunch, Gold live dessert
- Hayaat Dass:Bronze cafe cake, Silver Barista, Silver
creative burger
- Jack Dinnage :Bronze cold dessert (tertiary
) , Silver chicken dish, Silver barista, Silver
creative burger
- Leni Walter :Silver cafe cake, Silver healthy
lunch, Gold creative pizza
- Liam Middleton:Gold creative burger
- Liam Wagner :Silver cafe cake, Gold
chicken dish
- Nicholas Mannix : Silver cafe cake, Silver
creative burger
- Romain Wiki :Bronze cold dessert junior
(tertiary), Silver cafe cake, Silver live
dessert
- Roman Harries :Gold cafe cake, Gold
creative pizza (class winner)
- Tatana King :Bronze cafe cake, Gold
creative burger
- William Krause :Gold chicken dish





CULINARY FARE

SENIOR HOSPITALITY



Hayaat Daas



Liam Wagner



Auskar Kong



Arnya Dixon



Romah Harries



SCHOOL GALA

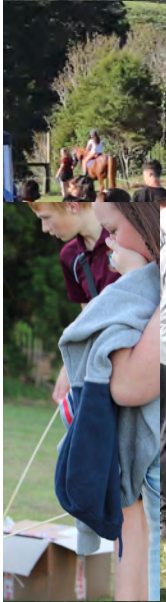




Hub Project crushed it for 2023! The year started with the crew organising the Twilight Gala - this was the school's first gala for a very long time, and was a massive hit with our community. This was a great opportunity for some students to take on major leadership roles - and experience the stress and success of seeing the whole thing happen! The next challenge for the team was a consultation project for Waihi RSA - they wanted to know how to attract younger members to the RSA.



The Hub Project visited the RSA at the start of the project, and then later welcomed the RSA staff to Waihi College with a whakatau and formal presentations. The final project for the squad was organising and delivering a Year 6 Activities Morning at Waihi College for Year 5/6 students from Central School - the aim was to make the students feel more confident about the move from primary school to intermediate.



A huge congratulations to you all for your mahi and commitment this year. You completed three projects that all counted, and learned a lot about event management along the week. Special shout out goes to Gala Directors Divyash Swamy and Olivia Elliott, plus Nicky Twidle, who consistently led her teams with energy and vision throughout all three projects.



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In Term 2, after the great success of the Gala, many students were fortunate to have small roles in the school production "Grease". They all worked hard and practiced with students from the rest of the school. The students enjoyed the experience of being on stage, dressing up and being able to perform the wonderful songs and dances! It was a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. - Year 7&8's

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I have loved singing and acting my whole life, so it's needless to say I was over the moon when the news about Grease came out. My lack of theater experience made me hesitant to sign up at first, but I'm so glad I did. When rehearsals started I was shocked in the best way. I'd never been in a musical before and it opened my eyes to a whole other world. From costumes and make-up to props and lighting, I learnt so much and I've made countless memories and friendships that'll stay with me for the rest of my life. Bring on next year's production!

Bayley Goddard - Sandy in Grease

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“ Grease- I’m extremely happy that I was a part of that play honestly. Waihi College hasn’t seen a major play like that in many years and I could tell the audience was impressed. It was definitely worth the time and energy spent making and setting up props, rehearsing even if some of us felt like it was a ‘ceebz’ at times. I want to say on behalf of the whole crew how thankful we are towards Miss Berry and Mr Randell for persevering and helping direct the script as well as Wendy for the costume help and Mr Oudes and Miss Kingston for the prop and set painting. Being a part of a performance like that has helped us all build friendships and memories that we won’t ever forget, so I thank you all so much for that experience. - Jack Dinnage, Arts Leader ”



WAIHI COLLEGE PRESENTS

GREASE



KYORITSU VISITS



"We got to use the elevator today instead of all the stairs."

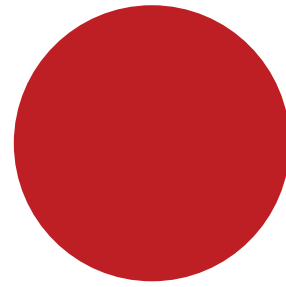
"Afterschool it is a bit of a mission to get home but nothing you can't handle with a Boss coffee; two twenty-minute bus rides and a thirty-minute train ride...I will definitely miss my packed lunches."

During the next week we participated in a range of activities. These included; ikibana, tea ceremony, Japanese language lessons, interacting with English classes, wearing yukata, visiting areas around Mount Fuji, singing a Totoro song, going to the Ueno Zoo and Ginza area, doing yoga, calligraphy, printing on silk and walking to shrines and the emperor's mausoleum.

On top of these school activities the home stay families took students to Sky Tree, Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo Disney, Theme Parks near Fujisan, Tokyo Tower and Asakusa temple. The teachers were treated to different restaurants such as soba, okonomiyaki, tofu, yakitori, sushi trains, gyoza, tempura amongst others. We also enjoyed local music festivals, Enoshima Aquarium, and the All Black -Italy World Cup game at 4am in the morning!

We would like to thank the generous donation given to us from AsiaNZ's donor, Mr Amane Nakashima, president of Nakashimoto Co Ltd. Interestingly we met up with the other school that received his grant, Opihi College, Temuka, on our flight home! In previous years they had been invited to view the company's plant in Tokyo.





KYORITSU TRIP



"The school is huge!"



"I had heaps of fun and loved the experience. I am so grateful."



This year we were lucky to rekindle our relationship with Kyoritsu Girl's College in Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan. They arrived to our kura after a three-year Covid break and we were delighted to resume our connections with them.

Usually, we take over half a dozen Japanese language learners at Year 10 level but this time we extended our group to include the students that had missed out over Covid times and our senior Kapa Haka girls who had also missed out on their planned trip to Taiwan.

We started with our early morning 3am departure from kura with a karakia from our Kaumatua. Our ten-hour Air New Zealand flight went smoothly, and we were greeted with teachers from Kyoritsu School flying our Waihi College scarves. Upon arrival at Hachioji, we met the host families and were ready for school the next day. The weekend was free due to the autumnal equinox holiday - or shuubun no hi, as they usually have Saturday morning school.

MATARIKI

Written by Maya Dodd

Matariki. A celebration of the Maori New Year. Matariki is a representation not only of the New Year of the indigenous people here in New Zealand, but also where the stars align in our solar system representing or determining the success or hard times of the seasonal crops. "A time to remember and pay tribute to those who have gone before us, a time to celebrate who or what we have now, and to plan for what will come in the future". (Kuia, Waihi Community Marae)

At the end of every year, our country celebrates New Year's Eve/Day. We hold public concerts, countdowns, and fireworks in the larger cities and spend massive amounts of money trying to make them as special as possible. But when it comes time to celebrate the Maori New Year, little effort is put in.

There are no nationwide celebrations, and communities have to find their own way of celebrating Matariki. The people of New Zealand have overlooked this holiday and don't outwardly celebrate, acknowledge, or give it the recognition that it deserves. Overall, there needs to be more effort put in by the Waihi Community to celebrate this magical New Year.

Matariki is not only important to us as individuals to celebrate, but it is also important to celebrate as a community. Waihi celebrates Matariki as a community through the local collective of schools, or the local Kahui Ako, by coming together as a collective and spending time with one another.

A scope of Principals in our wider Waihi Community gives us some insight into what Matariki means for them personally.

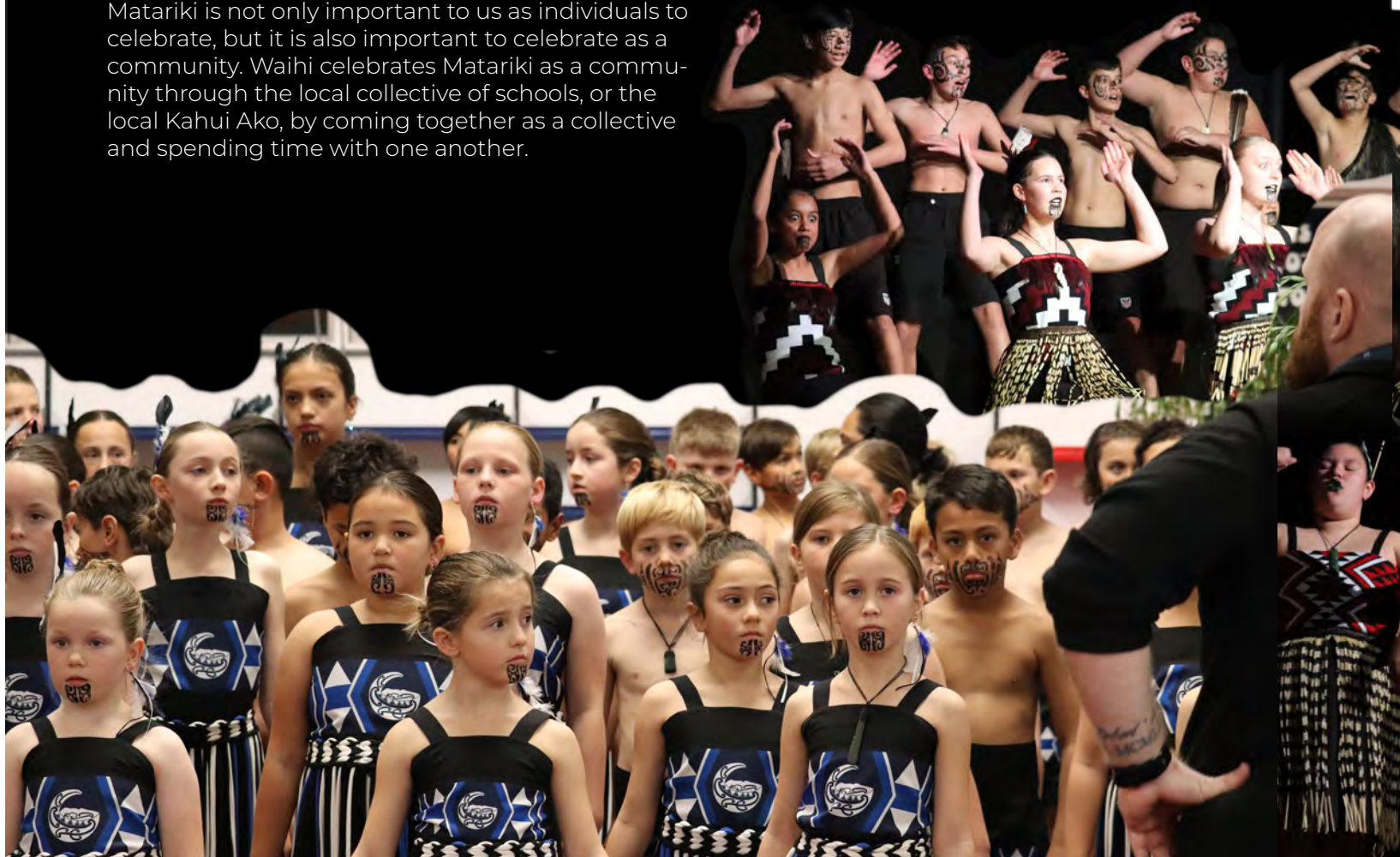
"It is an excellent time to promote who Maori are and what it means to be part of Aotearoa for all who live in the motu now", said Teresa, the principal of Catholic School St. Joseph's. "It is what connects us; it is in the community that we find strength and Aroha".

When asked what Matariki is and how you define it, most of the Kura Principals said Matariki is the Maori New Year, a time to celebrate those who have come before and the promise of what will come.

St. Joseph's Principal explains Matariki as "A time to show aroha and compassion, a time to remember, grieve, celebrate, and step forwards with new goals and aspirations".

"It is the celebration of what has been, and the promise of what will come. To honor times gone past, to spend intentional time with whanau and friends, reflecting and planning for what will come for the rest of the year", said Briar, the Principal of Waihi East School.

Angela, the Principal of Waihi Central, explained Matariki as "The start of the Maori New Year. It is a time to acknowledge those who have come before and those who have passed. Matariki is a time to release the spirits of those who have passed away during the year prior, to become stars".



The common consensus is that Matariki allows us as a community to come together in one spirit and be thankful for the blessings that we have. Angela, the Waihi Central School principal, said, "It is a time to show love and compassion to others, a time to remember and grieve, a time to korero about the past and future, and to set aspirational goals to be achieved as a community, kura, and as individuals".

People all across the country celebrate Matariki in different ways, but in Waihi, people often ask how we as a community celebrate this magical New Year and the promise of fresh new energy for the year ahead and what it brings. But what does it mean to Waihi?

Of those Principals who responded when asked why Matariki is important to Waihi? Many believe that it isn't so important to celebrate Matariki as a community, but argue that if it were, then we should probably celebrate days such as Waitangi Day just as much, if not more. Many could argue this.

Some can argue whether or not we are actually doing enough to celebrate Matariki as a community. Logan, the Principal of Waimata, said "You could argue quite strongly that we use Matariki instead, as a vehicle to celebrate Te Ao Maori as a whole."

When asked how they, as citizens of the Waihi Community, celebrate Matariki every year and if they thought we were doing enough as a community to celebrate it, the answers were varied but meaningful.

The local kura have their own way of celebrating Matariki that doesn't include the whole community. Briar said her school celebrates Matariki by teaching the young ones the importance of cycles, teaching waiata, and having either a boil up or hangi as a school community.

At the moment, as a community, we hold the annual Matariki Kapa Haka performance, the Tapuwae tournament, a dawn viewing, and the local school's hikoi up town. So is this enough, or could we be doing more?

Holding the annual Matariki concert and having the dawn viewing all seem like very small things that the community does to celebrate this public holiday. But for a community with a population of 7900, it is only these concerted efforts with the schools leading the celebrations across the community that are publicly visible.

Could we be doing more to celebrate it? What if we did a big hangi that included the entire community? What if we started the New Year with community gardens that follow the Maramataka for seeding, planting, growing, and harvesting, leading to a big hangi that included the entire community? How about if we asked the Regional and District councils to fund a week-long Art Exhibition of schoolchildren's art? Or maybe we could have a public display of whanau stories of the heroes and/or role models from their family histories?

These are all options that we, as a community, could consider as ways to celebrate Matariki. There's so much more that we could be doing to celebrate this special time of year, the Maori New Year. The possibilities are limited only by our Creativity.

If Waihi as a community did not celebrate Matariki and the schools within our community, did not place significant importance, time, and energy into publicly celebrating this time of the year, our tamariki would not know what Matariki is, the importance of it, or why the government has announced it as a public holiday.

Together, united as a community, we should teach our tamariki that Matariki is important to celebrate, whether you are Pakeha or Maori. As we are obliged to celebrate Matariki due to the Treaty of Waitangi principle of protection. The government has the responsibility to ensure that Maori taonga (treasures), such as language and customs, are preserved. Matariki is a taonga for Maori.

As a New Zealand citizen, an immigrant to New Zealand, or just a visitor here at that time of the year, the tamariki of Waihi can see and experience Matariki, as it allows each of us to connect as a community and become one.



“ Thank you to Aongatete Lodge for your continuous support and having the seniors of Waihi College back every year. ”





SENIOR CAMP

At the beginning of each year, the year 12's and 13's head to Aongatete Lodge on a leadership camp. During this camp, students participate in leadership activities run by many staff. Mr Tait has a boat load of activities in his kete that force us to interact in groups/peers we may never have interacted with before.

The camp is about building relationships and foundations for seniors to work together in their last year/years of Waihi College.

Part huge opportunity to work together is leading your House to success through out the year. On this camp, we split into our Houses and work on the flag for the year - this include planning and decide whats important to use as a group. What's important to give our House mana!

As a first experience of school in the new year, Senior Camp is always a highlight. We can't thank the kaiako involved enough for continuing to deliver a fun filled, action packed camp to start the year off right.



Spirit Days

Spirit Days - A unique celebration

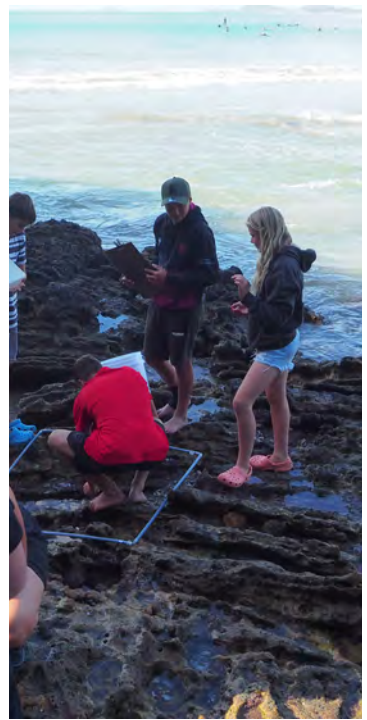
Spirit Day Master of Ceremonies, Jay McKechnie, describes the week as one of the most unique and fulfilling days in the school year - one that not only reminds us all to shake loose, live life and have fun, but also to remember those in our school whanau past and present, who we have lost.

"It's a release of steam for everyone, especially the seniors who have just had months of internal assessments and then derived exams." He goes on to say, "While it's a lot of fun, it also plays a vital role in rejuvenating our enthusiasm for learning in both students and teachers."

It encourages us to return to the classroom, embrace the learning process, go home, cherish our families, and make the most of our time here."

When Mr McKechnie reminisces about his role as MC, he highlights the reciprocation of energy he receives from the school audience, making his job feel effortless. "It's a profound sense of togetherness, a feeling of whanau, and an embodiment of manaakitanga."





YEAR 9 BEACH TANGAROA



PINK SHIRT DAY

To raise awareness about anti-bullying, I organised a Pink Shirt Day within the school, raising \$825 for the Pink Shirt Day Organisation. The 40-hour Famine was yet another huge success this year, with the participants collectively raising \$883 for the World Vision Charity, where we helped kids around the world have access to clean and drinkable water.

VALENTINES DAY

We started off the year by holding a fundraiser during Valentine's Day, to raise money for the Save The Children organisation. Love was in the year, as some cupids flew around the school to deliver "love notes" to the students. During this event, we were able to raise \$217 for the charity.

CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Cyclone Gabrielle also hit the North Island during the beginning of the year, and this put a strain on local communities, so we wanted to help those who were affected by the storm. By holding a couple of sausage sizzles over the course of Athletics Day, Competitive Swimming Sports and Interhouse Swimming Sports, we were able to raise \$1,741. This money was then split and distributed to the Auckland City Council and the Tairāwhiti Civil Defense. This was an amazing way for us to give back to our local communities, helping those who were struggling at the time due to the intense storm.



“These are just a few of the events that I was lucky enough to organise and be a part of, along with the annual Head Shave and Talent Quest coming up soon!”
 Divvy, Leader of Service

Unsung Hero's

In the vibrant tapestry of our Kura, there are unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring the seamless operation of our college.

This includes our dedicated office team, nurse and caretaking cavalry. They are all the backbone of our institution and with their meticulous organisation, warm smiles, and unwavering commitment, keep our school running and ensure Waihi College is a well-oiled machine. These individuals are part of the teams that make our school ka mau te wehi.



WHAREPUKAPUKA

The journey begins...

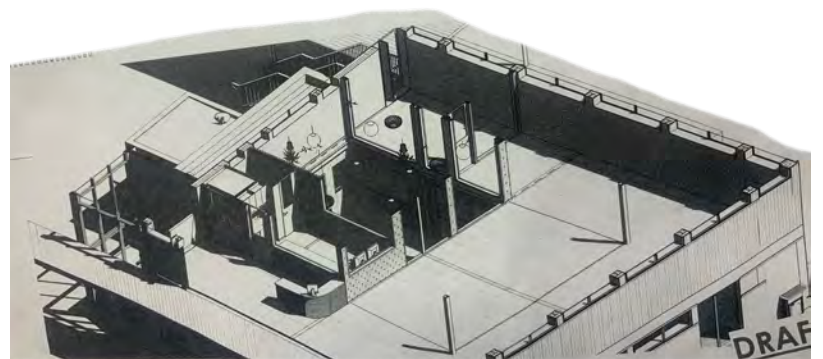
Excitement is on the horizon.

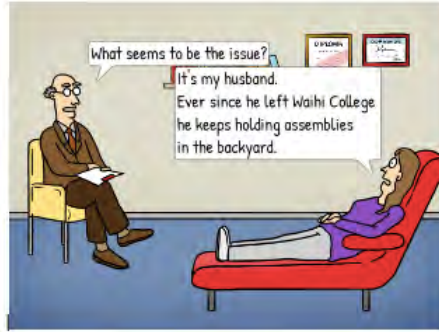
2023 has proven to be really positive for Waihi College Library, and there are even more exciting developments on the horizon!

The year was marked by the significant challenge of packing up the library and moving to a new location in preparation for its upcoming rebuild. This was a mammoth task, with thousands of books being moved, thanks to many staff and students. The effort to relocate some books for students to continue reading has been crucial in ensuring that students have the resources they need.

The library has also adapted to a different way of operating, ensuring that students have access to books right in their classroom while the renovation takes place, which has been met with great enthusiasm. Librarian Michelle Sutton says that students have demonstrated remarkable adaptability and has noticed even more individuals utilising the library in its new location, especially with the games.

The excitement surrounding this transition is palpable, with the hope of being in the new space by the end of Term 1 in 2024. Mrs Sutton says that the school can anticipate a fresh approach to returning books, a diverse array of furniture, colours, and a new kind of table setup, departing from the conventional format. The new space will serve different functions, ranging from playing games to providing comfortable seating for reading and learning, ushering in an exciting era for the Waihi College Library.





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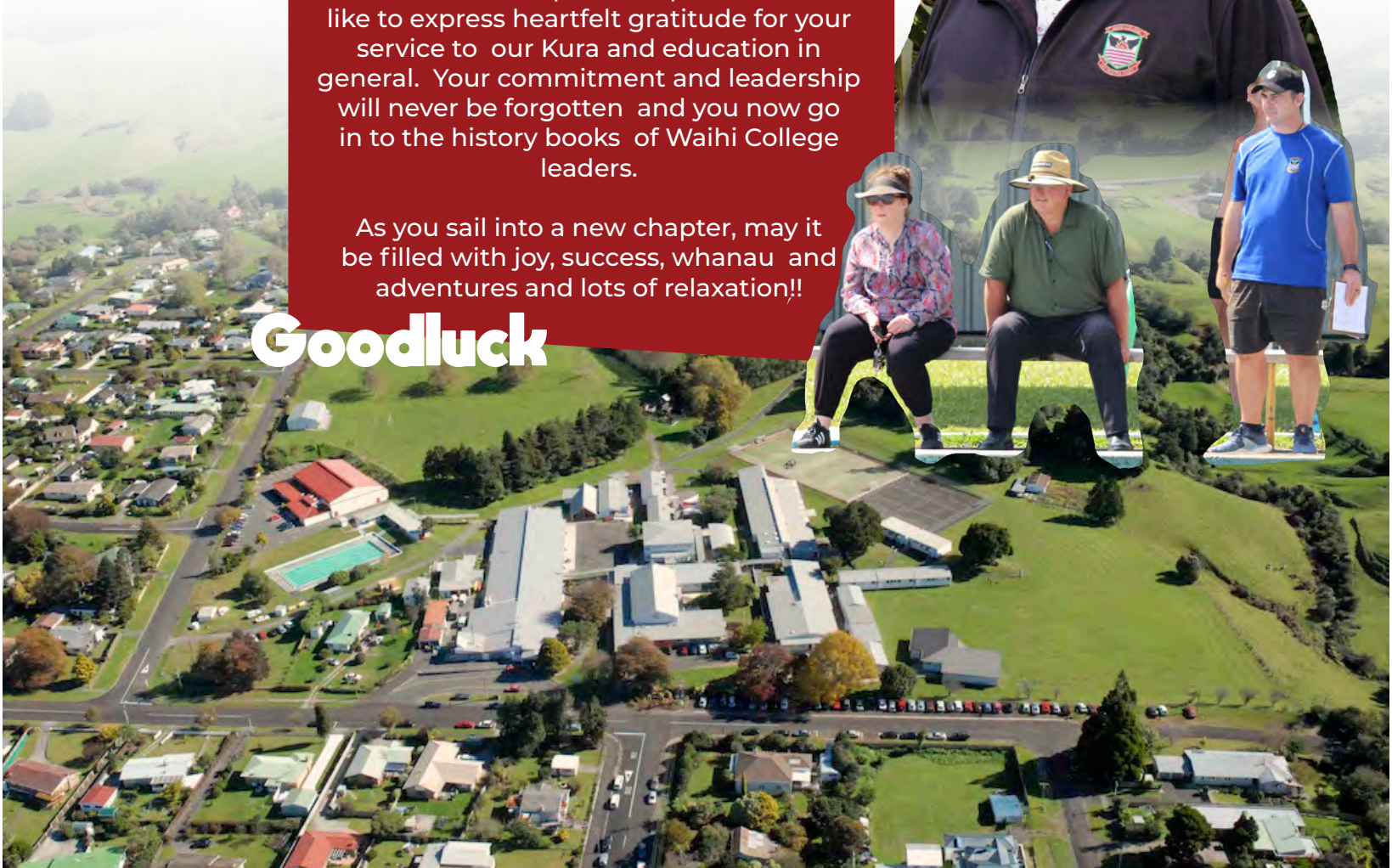


After nearly three decades at our Kura, it's time for Mr Cochrane's next adventure! Nga mihi nui for your dedication, wisdom, and for steering our mighty Waka. You've weathered storms and guided us through uncharted waters, always with a steady hand on the wheel and a down to earth attitude.

The whole school past and present would like to express heartfelt gratitude for your service to our Kura and education in general. Your commitment and leadership will never be forgotten and you now go in to the history books of Waihi College leaders.

As you sail into a new chapter, may it be filled with joy, success, whanau and adventures and lots of relaxation!!

Goodluck



YOU CAN BE THE GREATEST



YOU CAN BE THE BEST

- The Script ft Will I Am





Queenie

Favourite moment: Having a quick snooze with Galey's bio class.

Dream job: Nursing.

Plans after college: AUT.

Advice for first years: Cry in the bathrooms, thank me later <3.

Quote: Live life and don't die.



Orewa



Meg

Favourite moment: Everything in 2018 ZTE

Dream job: Range Rover mum

Plans after college: Study Occupational Therapy

Advice for first years: Make the most out of all opportunities that come your way!!

Quote: Sleep when your dead



Jadore

Favourite moment: Spirit days W's

Plans after college: Go to Auckland Uni:

Quote: pluh



Jade

Favourite moment: Any trip with the gals

Dream job: Trophy wife.

Plans after college: Study at Waikato.

Advice for first years: If you're gonna be late to school, make it count.

Quote: "I'm not depressed I'm just taking a break from slaying."



Ciara

Favourite moment: School trips and house competitions!

Dream job: Harry styles' baby mamma.

Plans after college: Study psychology at university.

Advice for first years: Stay at the dub c till year 13, it's a good time.



Bree



Sarah

Favourite moment: All the year 13 trips!!

Dream job: Influencer

Plans after college: To be RICH RICH

Advice for first years: Talk in class, because you always have later to catch up on schoolwork!!

Quote: "Do it for the plot"



Dora

Jayda

Favourite moment: Stressing about schoolwork <3, ski trip.

Dream job: A millionaire.

Plans after college: Study physiotherapy at Wintec.

Advice for first years: Just do your work in class, it saves stressing in the middle of the night.

Quote: 'School is like riding a bike except I don't know how to ride a bike and the bikes on fire and everything's on fire because school is hell.'



Connor

Favourite moment: Mr Cooper's class, year 7

Dream Job: Policeman

Plans after college: Leave NZ maybe

Quote: "Can I have some more time for the assignment?"



Adrian



Tyla

Favourite moment: All the year 13 trips with the gbs.

Dream Job: Marrying rich.

Plans after college: Studying law and psych at Uni.

Advice for first years: Set low expectations so you can't be disappointed.

Quote: "I've finally realised that I'm probably just perfect and it's everyone else around me who has issues" - J_Builds



Michaela

Auskar

Favourite moment: Year 13 Geo Trip, waking up at 4 am for Culinary Arts.

Dream job: Business owner.

Plans after College: Go to Waikato University to study Economics, stock up tissues for Dianna and Olivia.

Quote: "King Kong leaving the building."



Nicholas

Favourite moment: Culinary Arts prep + competition

Dream Job: House Husband

Plans after college: No Breathing January 2024

Advice for first year: Don't install Riot Client.

Quote: "Newborn Baby vs Nuclear Bomb"



Meika

Dream Job: Veterinary doctor or Police Officer.

Plans After college: Study or work full time.

Advice For First Years: Be open to unfamiliar surroundings.

Quote: "My Mama always said you've got to put the past behind you before you can move on." - Forrest Gump



Jordan

Favourite moment: Consuming Lollies stuck on Mt Ruapehu.

Dream job: Commercial Pilot.

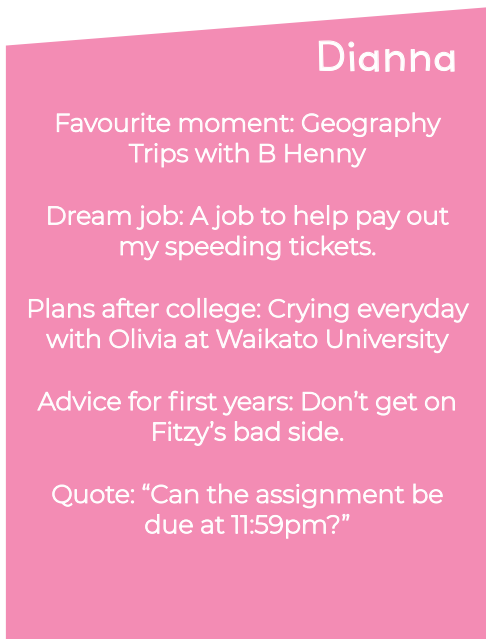
Plans after college: The Real Grind Begins.

Advice for first years: Learn to Make Adrenaline.

Quote: It's Show Time folks (I'm Clinically Insane).



Keira



Dianna

Favourite moment: Geography Trips with B Henny

Dream job: A job to help pay out my speeding tickets.

Plans after college: Crying everyday with Olivia at Waikato University

Advice for first years: Don't get on Fitzzy's bad side.

Quote: "Can the assignment be due at 11:59pm?"



Dan

Favourite moment: Winning swimming sports and athletics, Amaranth >>

Dream job: Riot Dev

Plans after college: Wintec then survive.

Advice for first years: Consequences are temporary, memories last a lifetime.

Quote: "If school was a job, you would be fired - McKechnie"



Seth

Favourite moment: The present master Oogway.

Dream job: Full time Paper Plus employee (consecutive employee of the month straight 6 in a row)

Plans after college: freedom camp.

Advice for first years: To be procrastination king, nothing matters until NCEA.

Quote: How do you expect to take the high ground if you don't take the time to farm?

Olivia

Favourite moment: 14 hours with Kate Morely and her singing.

Dream job: A lawyer to help Dianna get out of her speeding tickets.

Plans after college: Crying every day at Waikato University.

Advice for first years: Don't trust anybody or the school bathrooms.

Quote: If idiots could fly, Monika would be a jet plane.

Jack

Favourite moment: Yelling 863 at culinary fair with Tātana while making Fitz furious.

Dream job: To be as handsome as Henry Cavill.

Plans after college: Studying at Auckland University

Advice for first years: Don't make Fitz furious.

Quote: "The hounds of love are hunting."



Harley

Dream job: Full time pop slots gambler.

Plans after College: Win big.

Advice for first years: Gamble / don't lose tag.

Quote: 100% of gamblers quit before their biggest win. Harley wins!



Divvy

Favourite moment: Waiting to see how relievers will pronounce my name.

Dream job: Doctor, ofc

Plans after college: Studying down at the University of Otago

Advice for first years: Live like Dory and just keep swimming.

Quote: "Expect the unexpected, but with expectations" - a wise man



Lucy

Favourite moment: geo trips!!

Dream job: Island view takeaways.

Plans after College: Study at Waikato Uni.

Advice for first years: Stay away from Wendy when she has a camera, she always does you dirty.

Quote: 'Please tell me it's at least an achieved.'



Jackson

Favourite moment: Boxing Mr Webb in the pe sheds.

Dream job: Playing up at the WB local.

Plans after college: Boogie boarding down main end.

Advice for first years: Kick rocks grom.

Quote: You got ID? sorry mate not tonight.

Arnya

Fav moment: Playing Frenchy in the grease production #kaka... iykyk.

Dream job: Almond mum

Plans after college: Get Olivia to bail me out of jail when she's a lawyer and then go to the pub with Moni and play Hayday.

Advice for first years: C's get degrees baby.



Monika

Favourite moment: Leaving

Dream Job: The Amazing Spider-man

Plans after school: Going to the pub.

Advice for first years: I can, I will, I did.

Quote: I be on my mad shit cause I be in my Gtr